



BY-LAW NO. 2025-0002

A By-law to designate Hawkins House, located at 7 Prince Street, Glen Williams, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to designate real property, including all of the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS authority was granted by the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills to designate the property at 7 Prince Street, Glen Williams, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, legally described as "PT LT 67, PL 56, PART 2, 20R3983; HALTON HILLS" and known as Hawkins House, as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as Hawkins House, located at 7 Prince Street, Glen Williams, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused Notice of Intention to be published on the Town's website per the Town's "Ontario Heritage Act – Alternate Notice Policy";

AND WHEREAS the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS on October 28, 2024, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2024-086, dated October 16, 2024, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the designation of the subject property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT Hawkins House, located at 7 Prince Street, and further described in Schedule "A", is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this By-law;
2. THAT a copy of this By-law together with reasons for the designation be registered against the property and served in accordance with Section 29 of the Act;
3. THAT a notice of this By-law be published in accordance with Section 29 of the Act.

BY-LAW read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this 20th day of January, 2025.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0002

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LT 51, PL 56, AS IN EW17606 EXCEPT 244833 S/T 64751; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250580190

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0002

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is a rectangular village lot, situated on the south side of Prince Street, just at the point where the street ascends sharply to the top of the Credit River valley. The subject property contains a one-and-a-half-storey Georgian plan residential brick house building. It is situated near the western property line. The property is legally known as PT LT 51, PL 56, AS IN EW17606 EXCEPT 244833 S/T 64751; HALTON HILLS.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Hawkins House at 7 Prince Street has physical and design value as the first brick house built in the pioneer village, using the Georgian floor plan common to the world of Benajah Williams, family patriarch, who brought his love of this design from New England. The Williams family were doubtless party to the design and building of this house, reflecting the austere tastes of the Wesleyan denomination at that time. It is remarkably true in most respects to the original design of the dwelling place.

Hawkins House has historical and associative value as one of the few surviving earliest village homes in the community of Glen Williams and the oldest brick home, built with the help of the founding family. Its associative value is reflective of New Brunswick native James Hawkins search for employment in Upper Canada and reflects the principles of early Wesleyan Methodism. It is secondly associated with respected village blacksmith William Tost who successfully patented an iron beam harrow and built an imposing two-storey brick blacksmith shop and plow depot. Thirdly it has a long association with the family of World War II veteran Roy Puckering.

The property at 7 Prince Street has contextual value as a building that defined the road layout by its placement, thereby making it a prominent landmark on Prince Street as an early shop and as the house passed by generations of school children and those accompanying friends and relatives to their final resting place in the Glen Williams Cemetery. Its very placement reflects the milling heritage of the village, aligning with the millrace. Hawkins House is an historic landmark in the hamlet of Glen Williams that physically defines the layout of this section of the village and defines the charm and attraction of this Credit Valley hamlet as a tourist attraction.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 7 Prince Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1851 Georgian residential building on the south side of Prince Street, Glen Williams;
- The scale, form, and massing of the building as a two storey, simple brick vernacular Georgian building designed for commercial and residential use with an attached frame single-storey summer kitchen;
- The medium-pitched cedar shake roof with gable returns at both ends and enhanced fascia and soffit;
- On the front (west) elevation;
 - o The original panelled timber front door, original two-pane sash windows clad with original framing and interior casings; and,
- Interior features, including:

- The wide pine floorboards and stair treads; and,
- The original simple fireplace with stepped brick mantle.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 7 Prince Street that contribute to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as a mid-nineteenth-century Georgian residential building along Prince Street within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 7 Prince Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as a mid-nineteenth-century Georgian residential building along Prince Street within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1851 Hawkins House on the south side of Prince Street, Glen Williams; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the building as a two storey, simple brick vernacular Georgian building designed for commercial and residential use with an attached frame single-storey summer kitchen.