



BY-LAW NO. 2024-0088

A By-law to designate the United Church Parsonage, located at 29 Bower Street, 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 29 Bower Street, Acton, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the United Church Parsonage, 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 the United Church Parsonage, located at 29 Bower Street, Acton, 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 September 16, 2024, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2024-056, dated August 30, 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 the United Church Parsonage, located at 29 Bower 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 18th day of November, 2024.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0088

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LTS 173 & 174, PL 227, AS IN H710861; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250020079

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0088

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is located along the north side of Bower Street in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills. The existing residential building on the subject property is a two-and-a-half storey frame building with brick veneer, featuring a hipped roof with bracketed eaves and stone foundation.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 29 Bower Street has physical and design value as a representative example of an Edwardian residential building with Arts and Crafts influences within the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills. The form, massing, rooflines, and symmetrical, balanced façade, with a generous front porch, smooth surfaces, multiple window openings, and simplified dormers are all consistent with the Edwardian residential style. The existing building also features detailing characteristic of the Arts and Crafts style, with several windows featuring multi-divided lites and leaded glass, as well as the bracketed eaves and more elaborate covered porch featuring Corinthian columns. The Edwardian home, while overall restrained in its form and presenting a balanced façade, features significant detailing, artisanship and craftsmanship that make this home stand out along the streetscape.

The property at 29 Bower Street has historical and associative value due to its associations with the Henderson family, and the United Church of Acton with its origins in the Methodist congregation in Acton established by Reverends Ezra and Zenas Adams. MP David Henderson created this property and two other lots from land that was originally part of the Adams’ farm property. The existing home was built for Henderson’s son, Charles C. Henderson, an important local merchant and businessman within the community. The property was later used as the parsonage for the Acton United Church between 1928 and 1973 and was a significant community hub for social events and meetings over these years. The parsonage was the third for the Acton United Church, which had its roots in the Methodist congregation established in the early 19th century in Acton by Reverends Ezra and Zenas Adams. The property is also associated with prominent local builder J.B. Mackenzie who supplied much of the mill work for the home.

The property at 29 Bower Street has significant contextual value as an early-twentieth-century Edwardian residential building with Arts and Crafts influences at the corner of Bower Street and Willow Street North in the community of Acton. Together with the neighbouring properties along Willow Street North and Bower Street, the existing building helps to define and maintain the late-nineteenth century and early-twentieth century development of this residential neighbourhood on the periphery of Acton’s historic downtown. The property and existing residence are physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings in the community and has maintained its significant presence along the streetscape as captured in historical photography. The property is similar in scale and materials to the neighbouring properties and has not been identified as a landmark in the area.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 29 Bower Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing late early-twentieth-century residential building at the corner of Bower Street and Willow Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-and-a-half storey building with hipped roof featuring gable-roofed dormers, bracketed eaves, and brick chimneys, and a stone foundation;
- The materials, including the red brick exterior and architectural detailing, wooden windows, stone sills and lintels, and stone foundation;
- The front (southeast) elevation, including:
 - At the first storey:
 - The covered wooden porch featuring stone piers, stone steps, and paired Corinthian columns;
 - The central flatheaded entrance with stone sills;
 - The large flatheaded window openings on either side of the entrance featuring wooden windows with multiple divisions and leaded glass surrounding a large single pane, with stone lintels and sills;
 - At the second storey:
 - The central window opening featuring a wooden window with multi-divided lites and leaded windows on each side with a similar large single pane within the opening;
 - The flatheaded window openings located on either side of the central window featuring wooden windows with multi-divided lites above a large single pane, both with stone lintels and sills.
 - The paired gable-roofed dormers within the roofline above;
- The side (northeast) elevation, including:
 - The brick chimney extant below the roofline;
 - The flatheaded window openings throughout, featuring wooden windows with multi-divided lites and leaded glass, all with stone sills and lintels;
- The side (southwest) elevation, including:
 - The brick chimney featuring recessed panels at the first and second storeys; and,
 - The flatheaded window openings featuring wooden windows with multi-divided lites and leaded glass, all with stone sills and lintels.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 29 Bower Street that contribute to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as an early-twentieth-century residential building at the corner of Bower Street and Willow Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 29 Bower Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as an early-twentieth-century residential building at the corner of Bower Street and Willow Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills.
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing residential building at the corner of Bower Street and Willow Street North; and,

- The scale, form, and massing of the two-and-a-half storey building with hipped roof featuring gable-roofed dormers, bracketed eaves, and brick chimneys, and a stone foundation.

The rear elevation and interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes.