



BY-LAW NO. 2025-0068

A By-law to designate the Waterloo School, located at 10421 Fourth Line 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 10421 Fourth Line, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Waterloo School, 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 Waterloo School, at 10421 Fourth Line, 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 June 16, 2025, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2025-027 dated May 28, 2025, 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 Waterloo School located at 10421 Fourth Line, 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 25th day of August, 2025.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0068
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LT 13, CON 5 ESQ, AS IN 722382; S/T 53617 TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250210031

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0068
REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is located along the northeast side of Fourth Line in the community of Scotch Block within the Town of Halton Hills. The property contains a one-and-a-half-storey rural one-room schoolhouse in the Italianate architectural style, and is legally described as “PT LT 13, CON 5 ESQ, AS IN 722382; S/T 53617 TOWN OF HALTON HILLS”.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Waterloo School at 10421 Fourth Line has physical and design value as a rare and representative example of an Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse in the Italianate architectural style, in the community of Scotch Block, within the Town of Halton Hills. The one-and-a-half-storey schoolhouse features design elements such as a gable roof, segmentally arched window openings with limestone sills, voussoirs, and hood moulds, as well as two flatheaded entrances with solid course lintels. The schoolhouse also features decorative brick work, including the brick “cherub” statue along the front elevation, which displays a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit.

The Waterloo School at 10421 Fourth Line has historical and associative value due to its associations with the early educational system in the community of Hornby. The student population began to grow with the establishment of the *Common School Act* and the *Ontario School Act*, which introduced rates levied to support and construct new schools and later abolished the former fees for public schools and made attendance compulsory for children ages 7 to 12. These legislative changes provided government funds to construct and operate more schools for the growing school populations. The property also has associations with local builders Messrs Hume & Steel, and Acton-based architect John Cameron, who designed more than 100 buildings in Halton Hills and surrounding communities during his career.

The Waterloo School at 10421 Fourth Line has contextual value as it serves to maintain and support the rural character of the surrounding area in the historic Scotch Block community in the Town of Halton Hills. The former Waterloo School is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings as an early schoolhouse that serviced School Section No. 5 for nearly 70 years.

The heritage attributes of the property at 10421 Fourth Line, Scotch Block, are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the schoolhouse along Fourth Line in the community of Scotch Block within the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the c.1891, one-and-a-half storey schoolhouse with a gable roof, single brick chimney, and stone foundation;
- Materials, including red brick and stone;
- On the front (southwest) elevation:
 - Segmentally arched window openings with limestone sills, hood molds, and voussoirs;
 - Decorative brick banding and squares;
 - Decorative head carving;
 - Circular vent opening with semi-circular voussoir and limestone sill;
- On the side (southeast and northwest) elevations:

- Segmentally arched window openings with limestone sills, hood molds, and voussoirs; and,
- Two flatheaded entrances with soldier course lintels.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 10421 Fourth Line, Scotch Block, that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late-nineteenth-century Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse along Fourth Line within the community of Scotch Block, in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 10421 Fourth Line, Scotch Block, that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late-nineteenth-century Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse along Fourth Line within the community of Scotch Block in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1891 Waterloo School on the northeast side of Fourth Line in the community of Scotch Block; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half-storey Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse.