



BY-LAW NO. 2026-0002

A By-law to designate the Williams Edge Tool Factory Building, located at 508 Main 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 located at 508 Main Street, Glen Williams, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Williams Edge Tool Factory Building, 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 Williams Edge Tool Factory Building, located at 508 Main Street, Glen Williams, Town of Halton Hills, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused Notice of Intention to Designate to be published on the Town's website per the Town's "Ontario Heritage Act – Alternate Notice Policy";

AND WHEREAS on November 17, 2025, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2025-062, dated October 31, 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 Williams Edge Tool Factory Building, located at 508 Main 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 26th day of January, 2026.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0002

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LT 52, RCP 1556; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250580213

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0002

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is an irregularly-shaped parcel located along the west side of Main Street and to the northeast of the Credit River. The property features a two-storey frame building with rear one-storey additions. The original two-storey structure features a gable roof and one-storey porch which stretches along the front (east) elevation and is clad in contemporary siding. The rear of the property abuts the Credit River and mature trees are located at the rear and side property lines. A one-storey detached garage is located at the rear of the existing residence in addition to some smaller outbuildings.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Williams Edge Tool Factory Building has physical and design value as a representative, mid-nineteenth-century Georgian industrial-form building within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills. The existing two-storey frame building has retained its scale, form, and massing, its gable roof, symmetrical façade and graduated fenestration, with little ornamental elements or architectural design features which reflect its original use as an industrial building. A one-storey porch added to the front elevation of the former industrial building reflects its long use, since the 1860s, as a residential building.

The Williams Edge Tool Factory Building has significant historical and associative value due to its ties to the founding Williams family and to the early industrial development and entrepreneurial spirit of the area. Built for founder Benajah Williams’ son Isaac, the existing building was constructed as part of Williams’ industrial complex in 1848 as an edge tool factory and pump manufacturing facility; the construction of this frame building allowed Williams to construct the more costly triple-wythe brick building next door at 504 Main Street as a cabinet and chair factory.

Although the two-storey building at 508 Main Street was used for industrial purposes for only a short time, its long use as a residential building within the community of Glen Williams, and long-term ownership by members of the Williams family, cements its deep roots within the community of Glen Williams and within its industrial past.

The Williams Edge Tool Factory Building at 508 Main Street in Glen Williams has significant contextual value. In its original location to the west of the Credit River, adjacent to Williams’ second industrial building at 504 Main Street at the gateway to the community of Glen Williams, the existing building and property are physically, visually, and historically linked to the surroundings. Although originally constructed for industrial use, the building has significant links to its historical use as a residential building since the mid-to-late 19th century. Along with the other mid-19th century buildings along Main Street in this area, the Williams Edge Tool Factory Building is identified as a landmark within the community.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 508 Main Street that contribute to its physical and design value are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing Georgian industrial-form building along Main Street in the community of Glen Williams;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey frame building with side gable roof featuring returning eaves;
- The front (east) elevation, including:

- At the first storey, the flatheaded entrance centered on the front elevation, and two symmetrically placed, paired flatheaded window openings on either side;
- At the second storey, five flatheaded window openings symmetrically placed along the elevation;
- The side (north and south) elevations featuring no openings or fenestration.

The heritage attribute of the property at 508 Main Street that contributes to its historical and associative value is identified as follows:

- The legibility of the existing building within the property as a mid-19th century, industrial-form Georgian building adaptively-reused for residential use within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

The heritage attribute of the property at 508 Main Street that contributes to its contextual value is identified as follows:

- The legibility of the existing landmark building within the property as a mid-19th century, industrial-form Georgian building adaptively-reused for residential use within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

The rear additions, rear elevation of the original two-storey building, and interiors were not identified as heritage attributes of the property.