TOWN OF
HALTON HILLS

BY-LAW NO. 2026-0074

A By-law to designate the Wilson-Moore House, located at 16 Wilbur Street North, 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 16 Wilbur Street North, Acton, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Wilson-Moore 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 the Wilson-Moore House, located at 16 Wilbur Street North, 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 July 13, 2026, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2026-069, dated June 18, 2026, 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 Wilson-Moore House, located at 16 Wilbur Street North, 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 in 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 9th day of November, 2026.

Originally Signed By:
MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:
TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0074

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LT 48, BLK 6, PL 31, ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098; PT LT 49, BLK 6, PL 31, ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098, AS IN 846048; TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250020105

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0074

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is located along the southwest side of Wilbur Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills. The property is a rectangular parcel and contains a single detached residential-form building with a minimal setback from the right of way. Mature trees and a one-storey frame shed are extant within the rear yard and an unpaved parking space is extant to the southeast of the existing building.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Wilson-Moore House at 16 Wilbur Street North has physical and design value as a representative example of a late-nineteenth century Ontario Gothic Revival Cottage within the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills. The existing c.1874 building exhibits key features associated with this architectural style, including its one-and-a-half-storey massing, frame construction, central lancet arched window opening beneath the gable peak, two flatheaded window openings at the first storey, the steeply-pitched gable roof, central entrance flanked by sidelights and a transom, as well as the tall flatheaded window openings. Overall, the structure has retained much of its physical form since its original construction.

While its many owners have had various roles and positions in Acton, it has not been demonstrated that they have been identified as particularly significant within the community.

The Wilson-Moore House was built by railway foreman George Wilson for his family; however, he lived there for only a brief time before moving to Allandale where he was tragically killed in a snowplow accident.

For many years afterwards, the property was owned by Elizabeth Maud Moore who worked as a caretaker and housekeeper and had many tenants within her home during her ownership. Her former lodgers John and Helen Wood purchased the property from Moore in 1926, and she lived with them there for many years afterwards until her early 90s. John and Helen Wood were active community members in Acton. John Wood worked as a clerk for the Beardmore Company in Acton, while no external career is identified for Helen. In later years, the property was later used for both residential and commercial purposes by its owners and is currently used as a residential property. Due to this, no direct and significant historical or associative values have been identified.

The Wilson-Moore House at 16 Wilbur Street North has contextual value as it is important in defining and maintaining the late-nineteenth century character of the surrounding area. The extant building is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings on Wilbur Street North within the community of Acton. However, due to the modest design and massing, the building has not been identified as a landmark.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 16 Wilbur Street North that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing late-nineteenth century residential building along Wilbur Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half storey Ontario Gothic Revival Cottage with gable roof;
- The materials, including the frame construction and roughcast stucco cladding;
- The front (northeast) elevation, including:
    - Central entryway flanked by sidelights and a transom;
    - Lancet arched window opening beneath the central gable peak;
    - Two flatheaded window openings on the first storey;

- The side (southeast and northwest) elevations, including:
    - Flatheaded window openings at the first and second storey.

The heritage attribute of the property at 16 Wilbur Street North that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing building as a representative example of an Ontario Gothic Revival Cottage residential building along Wilbur Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills.

The heritage attributes of the property at 16 Wilbur Street North that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing building as a representative example of an Ontario Gothic Revival Cottage residential building along Wilbur Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills.
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing late-nineteenth century residential building along Wilbur Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half storey Ontario Gothic Revival Cottage.

The front wooden porch, rear addition, rear elevation, rear accessory structure, and interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes as part of this report.