



BY-LAW NO. 2023-0109

A By-law to amend Designation By-law No. 2010-0061 for the property at 181-185 Main Street South (Georgetown) 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 181-185 Main Street South (Georgetown) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

AND WHEREAS in 2010, Council for the Town of Halton Hills adopted By-law No. 2010-0061 to designate the property at 181-185 Main Street South (Georgetown) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" of this By-law;

AND WHEREAS on November 20, 2023, Council for the Town of Halton Hills adopted Report No. PD-2023-069, dated October 13, 2023, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the amendment of By-law 2010-0061;

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

1. THAT Cedarvale Park located at 181-185 Main Street South 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 the reasons for designation be registered against the property and served in accordance with Section 29 of the *Act*;
3. THAT the Ontario Heritage Trust be provided a copy of the amended Designation By-law.

BY-LAW read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this 11th day of December, 2023.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0109

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 250431050

BLK N JUDGE'S PL 1269 EXCEPT PT 4 20R2912; PT BLK P JUDGE'S PL 1269, AS
IN 245575; BLKS M & O JUDGE'S PL 1269, T/W & S/T 447655; S/T 73561,98235
ASSIGNED BY 721486, G9863 TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0109

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The property at 181-185 Main Street South is located at the intersection of Eighth Line and Maple Avenue in Georgetown, Ontario. The property is located within the Silver Creek floodplain and contains three structures: the Cedarvale Community Centre, the Freeman Bradley House, and Cedarvale Cottage. The property contains a large green open space recreational area, in addition to wooded areas and Silver Creek running through the west half of the property. The property is primarily accessed via a driveway extending down from Main Street South to a parking area with additional vehicular and pedestrian access towards the south end of the property from Main Street South.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 181-185 Main Street South (Cedarvale Park) is a significant cultural heritage landscape that has evolved due to its use over time as a family farm, Armenian Relief Association Farm School, United Church’s Cedarvale School for Girls, and community recreation facility.

Cedarvale Park is significant in part due to its natural features. A large natural green area within the Georgetown community, Cedarvale Park provides both passive and active recreational activities within former farmlands and orchards and contains archaeological footprints of the original farm school. The property is located within the floodplain of Silver Creek, an ecologically importance resource, and is part of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. The property has retained its pastoral views westward to Silver Creek from within the property and is largely unchanged since the period associated with the Armenian Relief Association Farm School.

The physical and design value of Cedarvale Park also includes the Freeman-Bradley House, comprised of a one-and-a-half storey red brick house (c.1860) connected to a one-and-a-half-storey stone structure (c.1840), which is a fine example of the Gothic Revival style. The Cedarvale Community Centre (c.1937-1977) and Cedarvale Cottage (c.1928-1929) have not been identified as having significant physical or design value.

Cedarvale Park has historical and associative value due to its varied uses through its history, including its early European settlement, the Armenian Relief Association Farm School, and the United Church’s Cedarvale School for Girls. First owned by descendants of the founder of the Halton Village of Freeman and important community members John and Catherine Freeman, the property is associated with early agricultural development in the Region. The property is also associated with the William Bradley family, who in 1928 opened the Dominion Seed House which became the largest mail-order seed business in Canada at the time. Cedarvale Park is also associated with the history of Armenian refugees in Canada through its use as the Armenian Relief Association Farm School in the early twentieth century. Between 1923 and 1927, 109 orphan boys and 29 girls were housed at the farm as part of an international effort to help the Armenian refugee children following WWII. The site preserves the collective memory of this humanitarian effort and represents the beginning of Canada’s role in international aid and peacekeeping. Between 1927 and 1966, the property was owned by the United Church of Canada and used as the Cedarvale School for Girls, providing shelter and education as an early step in the development of the Canadian social safety net. Since 1966, the property has been known as Cedarvale Park and has been utilized as a recreational facility for the local community.

Contextually, Cedarvale Park is a well-known landmark in Georgetown, with distinctive structures within its evolved landscape providing historical links of national significance within the community and serving as an oasis of natural beauty and rural retreat within the municipality.

Heritage Attributes:

Attributes that contribute to the design/physical value and historical/associative value of the property at 181-185 Main Street South:

- The Freeman-Bradley House
 - o The setback, placement, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey Gothic Revival building, comprised of c.1860 brick structure and c.1840 stone structure connected by a one-storey wing;
 - o Materials throughout, including brick, cut stone, wood windows and wooden decorative features;
 - o Within the c.1860s structure:
 - Red brick laid in a Flemish bond pattern;
 - Ground floor windows with headers of bricks arranged in a flat angled pattern;
 - Second floor gable end window openings with a header of butt end bricks in a double row;
 - Centre gable decorated with gingerbread bargeboard and wooden finial with a semi-circular window opening; and,
 - Main entrance door framed by side lights.
 - o Within the c.1840s structure:
 - Single-hung wood frame windows with four panes (2 over 2).
 - Wood frame windows with plain stone lintels and lug sills.
 - Sawn stone exterior finish in a course pattern.
 - High gabled roof with plain soffit at the front and flush verge at the rear.

Attributes that contribute to the contextual value of the property at 181-185 Main Street South:

- The setting of the property at the southeast corner of the intersection of Eighth Line and Maple Avenue in the community of Georgetown, Halton Hills;
- The wooded areas and large natural green area providing pastoral views to Silver Creek from the east portion of the property;

The Cedarvale Community Centre building and Cedarvale Cottage have not been identified as heritage attributes of the property.