



**BY-LAW NO. 2026-0021**

A By-law to designate L'Église Sacré-Cœur, located at 33-39 Guelph 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 located at 33-39 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as L'Église Sacré-Cœur, 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 L'Église Sacré-Cœur, located at 33-39 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, 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** on January 26, 2026, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2026-005, dated January 7, 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 L'Église Sacré-Cœur, located at 33-39 Guelph 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 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

Originally Signed By:

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MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

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TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0021**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PT LT 19, CON 9 ESQ, AND PT LTS 10 & 11, PL 32, N OF TORONTO & GUELPH  
PLANK ROAD; LT 37, PL 32, S OF MORRIS ST, AS IN 44592 & 96187 EXCEPT 95850  
AND EXCEPT PART 1, 20R13772; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250390481

## **SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0021**

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

#### **Description of Property**

The property at 33-39 Guelph Street is located along the north side of Guelph Street and to the northwest of the intersection of Guelph Street and Mill Street within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills. The property features a c.1885 church, an expansive asphalt parking lot, and a c.1969, two-and-a-half storey detached frame building with gable roof to the rear, connected to the existing church with a one-storey frame addition.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

L'Église Sacré-Cœur is an excellent example of Gothic Revival church architecture within the community of Georgetown and is unique in the interpretation and application of the style within the existing building. L'Église Sacré-Cœur features architectural detailing and attributes characteristic of the Gothic Revival style as applied to church buildings, including its pointed arch window and door openings, steeply pitched gable roof, bellcote, stone walls, and sense of verticality. The front elevation facing Guelph Street features a large rose window with decorative wooden tracery, with a smaller decorative quatrefoil window opening above the central entrance, contributing to a high degree of craftsmanship found throughout the existing building.

L'Église Sacré-Cœur, originally constructed as Holy Cross Catholic Church, has significant historical and associative value within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills. The church building was constructed by the early Catholic community in the area, with its roots in the 1850s with the earliest recorded visits from Jesuits to the community in Georgetown.

The church was designed by prominent architect Joseph Connolly, an Irish-born and trained architect who specialized in churches for Roman Catholic communities in the Gothic Revival style. Connolly designed churches in municipalities throughout the Province, including Guelph (Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception – 1876), Hamilton (James Street Baptist Church – 1879), London (St. Peter's Cathedral-Basilica – 1880), Toronto, Belleville (St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church – 1886-1888), and Thorold (Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church – 1878-1892). In addition to his substantial portfolio of ecclesiastical buildings, Connolly also designed industrial buildings, residential buildings, orphanages, convents, schools, chapels, and additions to existing buildings.

The evolution of the Holy Cross Catholic Church to L'Église Sacré-Cœur is associated with the impact of the work undertaken by Father Clovis Beauregard and Therese St. Jean with their French-language training school and farm, Notre Dame de Beauregard. The apple business established through Notre Dame de Beauregard resulted in many Acadian families from New Brunswick moving to the area and significantly increasing the francophone community in Georgetown, leading to the need for a place of worship in the area by the 1960s.

The church remains directly associated with the Roman Catholic and francophone community in Georgetown through its continued use as a place of worship in Georgetown.

Located on a rise above the intersection of Guelph Street and Mill Street in Georgetown, L'Église Sacré-Cœur has been a landmark within the community since its construction in the late-nineteenth century. The existing church building has continuously served as a place of worship since its construction in 1885, serving the general Catholic population until the 1960s and since then the French Catholic community. L'Église Sacré-Cœur is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings within Georgetown and serves to define and maintain the character of the area.

The heritage attributes of the property at 33-39 Guelph Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing Gothic Revival church building on a rise above Guelph Street and Mill Street within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the raised one-storey building with gable roof;
- The materials, including stone and decorative wooden tracery;
- The front (south) elevation, including:
  - The symmetrical composition of window and door openings;
  - The central Gothic-arched entrance within a stone surround;
  - The transom above the central entrance featuring wooden quatrefoil;
  - Four stone buttresses symmetrically placed along the elevation;
  - Two single Gothic-arched window openings with stone voussoirs and sills;
  - The large round rose stained-glass window featuring wooden tracery with stone surround and decorative stone arch detail over the central entrance;
  - The stone bellcote above the roofline with central bell within the arched opening and perpendicular-style cross above, with the base of the bellcote featuring a Gothic arch above an arched louvered opening;
- The side (east) elevation, including:
  - The symmetrical composition of the elevation;
  - Five symmetrically-placed stone buttresses extending to the church eaves;
  - Four individual Gothic-arched window openings with stone surrounds and sills;
- The side (west) elevation, including:
  - The symmetrical composition of the elevation;
  - Five symmetrically-placed stone buttresses extending to the church eaves; and,
  - Four individual Gothic-arched window openings with stone surrounds and sills.

The heritage attribute of the property at 33-39 Guelph Street that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing raised one-storey church building as an excellent example of Gothic Revival church architecture within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills.

The heritage attributes of the property at 33-39 Guelph Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing raised one-storey church building as an excellent example of Gothic Revival church architecture within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing c.1885 Gothic Revival church building on a rise above Guelph Street and Mill Street within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the raised one-storey building with gable roof.

The rear elevation, interiors, shed-roofed addition, rear addition, and rear two-storey building with gable roof have not been identified as heritage attributes of the subject property.