



BY-LAW NO. 2025-0026

A By-law to designate the Gibbons-Ross House, located at 8 Albert Street, 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 at 8 Albert Street, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Gibbons-Ross 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 Gibbons-Ross House, at 8 Albert Street, Georgetown, 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 March 24, 2025, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2025-012 dated March 7, 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 Gibbons-Ross House located at 8 Albert Street, Georgetown, 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 24th day of March, 2025.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0026

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LT 72 SAS, PL 37; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250410119

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0026

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is a rectangular-shaped lot located at the southeast side of Albert Street. The property contains a two-storey residential building in the Edwardian architectural style, and is legally described as “LT 72 SAS, PL 37; HALTON HILLS”.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Gibbons-Ross House at 8 Albert Street has physical and design value as a representative example of an early-twentieth-century residential building in the Edwardian architecture style. The two-storey red brick building exhibits features typical of this style including the smooth brick façade, hipped roof, a tall brick chimney, American Four-Square Layout, as well as a covered porch with white painted half wood columns with brick bases.

The Gibbons-Ross House at 8 Albert Street has historical and associative value due to its associations with John Joseph Gibbons. Gibbons was a local business owner, and long-term politician in Georgetown, serving as a Councillor from 1931-1934, before being elected as mayor for three terms from 1934-1943, 1947-1949, and 1964-1968. Gibbons also served as a member of the Hydro Commission, the Board of Police Commissioners, and the Hospital Association, along with having membership with the Lions Club and Lawn Bowling Club. The property also has associations with William James Ross, who was born in Toronto in 1857, later moving to Georgetown to work as a railway switchman for the Canadian Pacific Railway and was a member of the local Knox Presbyterian Church. Prior to moving to Georgetown, William worked at his family’s woollen mill in Maxwell.

The property is also associated with Glen Textiles Industries Ltd., a textile company that owned the subject property, and was formerly located in the Barraclough Mills in Glen Williams during the mid-nineteenth century. During WWII, Glen Textiles played a key role in the war effort and was a supplier of cloth and blankets for troops and civilians in Britain, France, Belgium, Norway, and Holland. Glen Textiles purchased the subject property to house their employees. The property also has historical and associative value due to its associations with the development of Albert Street following the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway Station. During this time, the surrounding area experienced significant residential development and growth.

The Gibbons-Ross House at 8 Albert Street is important in defining and maintaining the late-nineteenth and early twentieth-century character of Albert Street, surrounding the former Grand Trunk Railway Station in Georgetown. The property remains physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings as a residential building along Albert Street. The property is relative in scale and design to neighbouring properties and has not been identified as a landmark in the community

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 8 Albert Street, Georgetown, that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Albert Street in Georgetown;
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing c.1920s, two-storey Edwardian residential building with hipped roof, brick chimneys, and stone foundation;
- The materials, including smooth red brick, wood, and stone;
- The front (northwest) elevation, including:
 - o The covered wooden porch with square half wooden columns and plain eave detailing, and brick podiums;
 - o Segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills at the first and second storey;

- Dormer located at the second storey with hipped roof and flatheaded window opening; and,
- The side (southwest and northwest) elevations, including:
 - Segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills at the first and second storey.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 8 Albert Street, Georgetown, that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as an early-twentieth century Edwardian residential building along Albert Street within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 8 Albert Street, Georgetown, that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as an early-twentieth century Edwardian residential building along Albert Street within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1920s Gibbons-Ross House on the southeast side of Albert Street in the community of Georgetown; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey Edwardian residential building.