



**BY-LAW NO. 2025-0005**

A By-law to designate the Ramsden House, located at 8 Queen 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 Queen Street, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Ramsden 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 Ramsden House at 8 Queen 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 October 28, 2024, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2024-079, dated October 11, 2024, 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 Ramsden House located at 8 Queen 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 20th day of January, 2025.

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. 2025-0005**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

"LT 4, PL 37, SE OF QUEEN ST; HALTON HILLS"

PIN: 250400086

## SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0005

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

#### Description of Property

The subject property is a rectangular-shaped lot, located along the southeast side of Queen Street. The subject property contains a two-storey residential building in the Edwardian Classicism architecture style. The property is legally known as “LT 4, PL 37, SE OF QUEEN ST; HALTON HILLS”.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Ramsden House at 8 Queen Street has physical and design value as a representative example of an early-twentieth-century residential building in the Edwardian Classicism architectural style in the community of Georgetown. The two-storey dwelling exhibits many features, including a rusticated concrete block exterior, stone sills and lintels, a symmetrical façade, hipped roof, and various flat headed window openings. Throughout the dwelling, the original window and door openings have been maintained.

The Ramsden House at 8 Queen Street has historical and associative value due to its associations with former local pharmacy owner, George Alexander Ramsden. Ramsden was a druggist who owned and managed a pharmacy located in the bottom corner unit of the former McGibbon Block in downtown Georgetown during the early 1900s. The pharmacy later relocated to Main Street North, where the former MacCormack’s Drugs was located during the late-1940s. The property also has historical and associative value due to its associations with the development of Queen Street during the expansion of the railroad. During this time, the surrounding area experienced significant development and growth.

The Ramsden House at 8 Queen Street has contextual value as it is important in defining and maintaining the late-nineteenth and early twentieth-century character of Queen Street, surrounding the former Grand Trunk Railway Station in Georgetown. The property remains visually and historically linked to its surroundings as a residential building along Queen Street.

#### Heritage Attributes

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

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Queen Street in Georgetown;
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing c.1900s, two-storey Edwardian residential building with hipped roof and parged foundation featuring a projecting plinth;
- The materials, including concrete block, stone sills, and details throughout;
- Front (northwest) elevation:
  - o Central open porch with wood columns (stairs and stone columns are contemporary), containing an entryway flanked by sidelights;
    - Central open porch at the second storey, featuring an entryway with a stone lintel;
  - o Two flat-headed window openings with stone lintels and sills at the first and second storeys;
  - o Dormer featuring a casement window;
- Side (northeast) elevation:
  - o Enclosed sunroom on the first storey;
  - o Two flat-headed window openings on the second storey, with stone sills and lintels; and,
- Side (southwest) elevation:
  - o Two flat-headed window openings with stone lintels and sills at the first and

second storeys.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 8 Queen Street, Georgetown, that contribute to its historical and associative value includes:

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

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

- The legibility of the existing property as an early-twentieth century Edwardian residential building along Queen Street within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1900s Ramsden House on the southeast side of Queen Street, Georgetown; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey Edwardian residential building.