



**BY-LAW NO. 2025-0086**

A By-law to designate the St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church, located at 537-539 Main 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 at 537-539 Main Street, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church, 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 St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church, at 537-539 Main Street, 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 August 25, 2025, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2025-046, dated July 21, 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 St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church, located at 537-539 Main 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 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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. 2025-0086**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

LT 60, RCP 1556, S/T INTEREST IN 85570, IF ANY; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250580045

**SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0086  
REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

**Description of Property**

The subject property is located along the southeast side of Main Street in the community of Glen Williams within the Town of Halton Hills. The property contains a one-and-a-half storey stone church in the Gothic Revival architectural style, and is legally described as “LT 60, RCP 1556, S/T INTEREST IN 85570, IF ANY; HALTON HILLS”.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church at 537-539 Main Street has physical and design value as a rare and representative example of an early-twentieth-century Gothic Revival church in the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills. The church building displays features typical of the Gothic-Revival style, including the steeply pitched gable roof, cut limestone façade, tall narrow and lancet windows, lancet door openings, stone voussoirs and arches, stone sills and lintels, and stone buttresses. The existing church building has been well-maintained by the congregation over the past 122 years and continues to display many of its original features. The hand cut stone construction, and stained-glass window features, display a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit.

St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church at 537-539 Main Street has historical and associative value due to its associations with the early Anglican community in Glen Williams and the surrounding area, and with the early growth of Anglican congregations throughout Halton Hills. The mid to late-nineteenth century marked an influx of immigrants from England, Ireland, and Scotland settling in the Glen, which prompted a growing demand for an Anglican Church in the village. This desire for an Anglican Church was spearheaded by Samuel Beaumont and his wife Emma, who, after the exit of the Williams family and the economic success of the Beaumont Knitting Mill, established themselves as well-respected community leaders. While parishioners were able to attend St. George’s Anglican Church in Georgetown, Anglican residents of Glen Williams felt it was necessary to establish a congregation in the village. Despite opposition from Archbishop DuMoulin, the parish prevailed and constructed their church.

The property also has associations with prominent local residents John Sykes, Samuel and Joseph Beaumont, and Harry Holdroyd, who were actively involved in the establishment and construction of St. Alban’s Church. The Beaumont family established the Beaumont Knitting Mill in 1878 and provided jobs for many of the unemployed labourers. John Sykes was a partner in establishing the Sykes and Ainley Company, who employed Harry Holdroyd as the bookkeeper for the woollen mill.

St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church has contextual value as it serves to define and maintain the character of the community of Glen Williams. St. Alban’s Church remains physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings as one of the earlier places of worship in Glen Williams. The Church has remained in its existing location for 122 years and is a landmark in the community.

The heritage attributes of the property at 537-539 Main Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing c.1903 Gothic Revival religious structure along Main Street in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half storey Gothic Revival structure with gable roof, cut limestone construction, and wooden cupola and bell;
- The materials, including limestone, wood, and stained-glass;
- The front (southwest) elevation, including:
  - The one-storey stone vestibule, including:
  - Plinth foundation;
  - Large semi-circular entryway with stone arch and keystone;
  - Small lancet arched entryway with stone voussoir;
  - Multiple flatheaded window openings with stained-glass, stone sills and

- lintels;
  - Lancet arched window with hood mould and stone voussoir;
- The side (northwest and southeast) elevations, including:
  - Multiple flatheaded window openings with stained-glass, stone sills and lintels separated by stone buttresses;
- The rear (northeast) elevation, including:
  - Multiple flatheaded window openings with stained-glass, stone sills and lintels separated by stone buttresses; and,
  - Datestone inscribed “THIS STONE WAS LAID BY GRAND LODGE OF CANADA A.F. & A.M. SEPT. 8, 1902. M.W. HIS HON. JUDGE J.E.E HARDING, GRAND MASTER”.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 537-539 Main Street that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing church building as an early-twentieth-century Gothic Revival religious structure along Main Street within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 537-539 Main Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing church building as an early-twentieth-century Gothic Revival religious structure along Main Street within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1903 St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church on the southwest side of Main Street in the community of Glen Williams; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half-storey Gothic Revival religious structure.