



BY-LAW NO. 2024-0109

A By-law to designate Campbell Cottage, located at 23 Young Street, Acton, 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 23 Young Street, Acton, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, legally described as "LT 40, PL 28, ALSO SHOWN ON PL1098; HALTON HILLS", and known as Campbell Cottage, 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 Campbell Cottage, located at 23 Young Street, Acton, 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 7, 2024, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2024-071, dated September 19, 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 Campbell Cottage, located at 23 Young 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 9th day of December, 2024.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0109

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LT 40, PL 28, ALSO SHOWN ON PL1098; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 249990046

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0109

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

Campbell Cottage is located at 23 Young Street in the community of Acton, Halton Hills, and is situated on the northwest corner of Young and Arthur Street. The property contains a single storey, timber-framed brick-veneer cottage constructed in 1887. The property is legally described as “LT 40, PL 28, ALSO SHOWN ON PL1098; HALTON HILLS”.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Campbell Cottage at 23 Young Street has physical and design value as a representative example of a vernacular Ontario Gothic Cottage in the community of Acton within the Town of Halton Hills. The existing building, despite alterations to the roof, has retained significant architectural details characteristic of the Ontario Gothic Cottage style, including its one-storey form, brick exterior, symmetrically placed entrance and windows, the segmentally arched window openings, limestone sills, voussoirs, and transom window. The front elevation has undergone few alterations from the structure’s original form. Campbell Cottage is an excellent example of the quaint, yet ornate vernacular architecture of mid-nineteenth century Acton. This home is a representative example of the Ontario Gothic Cottage in Acton, adapted to the materials and style of the community.

The property at 23 Young Street holds significant historical and associative value due to its association with several prominent citizens and families of Acton. Archibald Campbell, the property's architect and first resident, was a founding member of Acton’s Knox Presbyterian Church, established in 1845. Notably, he remained the last surviving original member of the church until his death in 1899. Campbell served as one of the church's first deacons and was an elder for nearly half a century. His \$500 donation was the first and largest contribution towards the construction of the Knox Church. The property also served as the childhood home of Acton war hero Roy Hurd, who was killed in action on April 6, 1916, during World War I. His name is commemorated on Acton’s Cenotaph. From 1923 to 1955, the property was owned by the respected McGregor family. Jessie McGregor, a prominent feminist in the community, hosted weekly meetings of the Farm Women’s Club at the property throughout the 1930s. Additionally, she hosted gatherings of the Knox Ladies Aid group and the Missionary Society at the cottage.

Campbell Cottage at 23 Young Street holds contextual value as the first home of its size on Young Street, setting a precedent for the retirement cottages of similar size and style that later populated the area. The existing home within the subject property is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings amongst several similar cottages of the same vintage. Positioned at the prominent corner of Young and Arthur Streets, the home on the subject property represents an amalgamation of a vernacular interpretation of the Ontario Cottage style and the modest retirement cottages that came to define Young Street in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. The existing building on the property is relative in scale, form, massing, and setback to neighbouring properties and as such has not been identified as a landmark.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 23 Young Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The location, setback, and orientation of the existing Ontario Gothic Cottage along Young Street in the community of Acton, Town of Halton Hills, Ontario;
- The scale, form, and massing of the single-storey, timber-framed brick veneer cottage;
- The materials, including brick and limestone;
- The front (south) elevation, including:
 - The central segmentally arched entrance with transom window and, flanked by symmetrically placed segmentally arched windows;
 - The voussoirs above the window and door openings, featuring a limestone capstone and vertically placed bricks forming the arch;
 - The trompe-l'œil decorative window hoods painted above the windows.
 - The symmetrically placed entrance and windows.
- The side (east) elevation, including:
 - Two segmentally arched window openings with limestone sills and voussoirs;
- The side (east) Elevation, including:
 - Twin segmentally arched window openings with limestone sills and voussoirs separated by a single header and stretcher group on the north half of the wall; and,
 - A single segmentally arched window opening with the voussoirs above the window featuring a limestone capstone on the south half of the wall.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 23 Young Street that contribute to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late-nineteenth-century Ontario Gothic Cottage within the community of Acton, Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 23 Young Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late-nineteenth-century Ontario Gothic Cottage within the community of Acton, Town of Halton Hills;
- The location, setback, and orientation of the existing Ontario Gothic Cottage along Young Street in Acton, Halton Hills, Ontario; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the single-storey, timber-framed brick veneer cottage.