



BY-LAW NO. 2024-0066

A By-law to designate the Wright Family Home, located at 14-16 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 14-16 Queen Street, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Wright Family Home, 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 Wright Family Home at 14-16 Queen 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 June 17, 2024, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2024-043, dated May 24, 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 Wright Family Home located at 14-16 Queen 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 26th day of August, 2024.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0066

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 250400080

LT 7, PL 37, SE OF QUEEN ST; HALTON HILLS

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0066

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is located along the southeast side of Queen Street in Georgetown within the Town of Halton Hills. The property is a rectangular lot, with Charity Street terminating at the southwest lot line, containing a two-storey L-shaped frame structure with cross-gable roof, brick cladding and a rear addition. Parking on the site is accessed from Charity Street at the rear. Like many of the houses along this side of Queen Street, the house is set back from the street on a hill and is accessed via a paved walkway and stairs.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Wright Family Home at 14-16 Queen Street has physical and design value as an excellent representative example of a late-nineteenth-century Gothic Revival residential building, featuring a one-and-a-half storey L-shaped form, brick exterior, steeply-pitched roof with front gable and cross gables, decorative bargeboard with finials, a front bay, segmentally-arched window openings, an entrance with sidelights and transom, dichromatic brick, and a wooden verandah. The existing wooden finials, bargeboard and decorative detailing on the wooden verandah, and use of dichromatic brick throughout display a high degree of artistic merit, making this home stand out along the streetscape.

The property at 14-16 Queen Street is directly associated with the Wright family, and particularly Arvilla and Kathleen Wright. Originally built by carpenter Joseph McIntosh, the subject property was home to the Wright family for approximately 50 years. Harry and Arvilla Wright were the proprietors of the Exchange Hotel, originally located near the subject property along the Grand Trunk Railway Line. The Exchange Hotel, built in 1855 and no longer extant, was an important stop along the railway and became a hub for different commercial enterprises and services throughout its history. Arvilla Wright owned this property for several decades until it was owned by her daughter Kathleen (Kay), who also worked at the Exchange Hotel with her sister Dorothy and who also owned a popular store in Georgetown.

The property at 14-16 Queen Street has contextual value as it serves to define and maintain the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century character of the area surrounding the railway. Located within the residential neighbourhood surrounding the current Georgetown GO station, the subject property is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings. Located on a rise above Queen Street, the house is of a similar scale to the surrounding residences and has not been identified as a landmark in the community.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 14-16 Queen Street 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.1880s, one-and-a-half storey Gothic Revival residential building with cross-gable roof and stone foundation;

- The materials, including dichromatic brick, stone sills, and wooden bargeboard and detailing throughout;
- The front elevation, including:
 - o The configuration of the elevation with two bays, with the northernmost bay projecting beyond the southern bay;
 - o Buff brick quoining and decorative wooden bargeboard;
 - o The one-storey projecting bay with bracketed roof, segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills, with two round-arched windows with buff brick hood moulds below the gable peak featuring decorative wooden bargeboard;
 - o The entrance with glass transom above, flanked by window openings with stone sills beneath a covered wooden porch with decorative wooden detailing;
 - o Above the front porch, the round arched window opening with stone sill and buff brick hood mould beneath the gable peak featuring decorative wooden bargeboard;
- The side elevations, including:
 - o Segmentally-arched window openings and buff brick quoining on the northeast elevation; and,
 - o On the southeast elevation, paired segmentally arched window openings beneath the gable peak.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 14-16 Queen Street that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The property's legibility as a late-nineteenth-century Gothic Revival residential building along Queen Street in Georgetown.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 14-16 Queen Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The property's legibility as a late-nineteenth-century Gothic Revival residential building along Queen Street in Georgetown;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Queen Street in Georgetown; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing c.1880s, one-and-a-half storey Gothic Revival residential building with cross-gable roof and stone foundation.

The rear elevation, rear addition, existing one-storey bay on the southeast elevation, and interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes.