



BY-LAW NO. 2025-0087

A By-law to designate the Woollen Mills Housing, located at 5 Tweedle 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 5 Tweedle Street, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Woollen Mills Housing, 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 Woollen Mills Housing at 5 Tweedle 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-2025-045, 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 Woollen Mills Housing located at 5 Tweedle 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 6th day of October, 2025.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0087
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LT 21, CON 10 ESQ; AKA; PT LT 15, PL GLEN WILLIAMS, PART 5 & 6, 20R5698, E
OF TWEEDLE ST; AKA; LT 31, RCP 1556; S/T & T/W 175372; HALTON
HILLS/ESQUESING

PIN: 250110132

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0087

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is located along the east side of Tweedle Street in the community of Glen Williams within the Town of Halton Hills. The property features a two-storey, wood-frame residential building, and is legally described as “PT LT 21, CON 10 ESQ; AKA; PT LT 15, PL GLEN WILLIAMS, PART 5 & 6, 20R5698, E OF TWEEDLE ST; AKA; LT 31, RCP 1556; S/T & T/W 175372; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING”.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Woollen Mills Housing at 5 Tweedle Street has physical and design value as representative vernacular workers’ housing with Gothic Revival influences in the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills. Reflecting the practical construction methods of vernacular architecture, the two-storey frame structure incorporates local building techniques, affordable materials, and functional designs, while also displaying key elements of the Gothic Revival or Carpenter Gothic style. These features include its steeply pitched roof, decorative wooden bargeboard, bay window, and intricate wooden architectural detailing.

The Woollen Mills Housing at 5 Tweedle Street has significant historical and associative value due to its association with the woollen mill industry in the Hamlet of Glen Williams. Built as worker’s housing in 1907 by the Sykes and Ainley Manufacturing Company Ltd., 5 Tweedle Street, alongside 7 and 9 Tweedle Street, served as employee residences through several changes in the mill’s ownership until its closure in the mid-twentieth century, including housing for the Sykes and Ainley Manufacturing Company Ltd., the Glen Williams Woollen Mills, and later, Glen Textiles. These properties are also associated with the prominent Hill family of Glen Williams. Additionally, the properties served as housing for seasonal workers for Sheridan Nurseries until they were sold in the 1980s.

The Woollen Mills Housing at 5 Tweedle Street holds significant contextual value, contributing to the preservation of the area’s historical character and maintaining the architectural cohesion of modest worker’s housing in the Glen Williams community. The property is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings, forming an integral part of the area’s heritage despite the loss of the former woollen mill. The continued presence of Gothic Revival workers’ housing in this area serves as a tangible reminder of the community’s historical ties to the nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century wool industry. Constructed on the site of a former wool storage barn used by the Sykes and Ainley Company in the late-nineteenth century, the property is connected to the adjacent workers housing at 7 and 9 Tweedle Street, and shares an identical scale, form, massing, and architectural style, reinforcing their interconnected significance. These three properties are locally known as the “Three Sisters”. While minor alterations have occurred since construction in 1907, the Woollen Mills Housing collectively support and enhance the heritage character of Glen Williams.

The heritage attributes of the property at 5 Tweedle Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the two-storey vernacular worker’s cottage with Gothic Revival detailing along Tweedle Street in the community of Glen Williams;
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its gable roof;
- The materials, including stone foundation and wooden architectural and decorative elements throughout;
- The front elevation, including:
 - The tripartite bay window with shallow hipped roof;
 - Decorative wooden bargeboard on the gable end;
 - Scalloped “fish scale” wooden shakes beneath the gable end;
- The side (south) elevation, including:

- Two flat-headed rectangular window openings; and,
- The wooden veranda with Italianate motifs.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 5 Tweedle Street that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing house as an early-twentieth century vernacular worker's cottage with Gothic Revival detailing along Tweedle Street within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 5 Tweedle Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing house as an early-twentieth century vernacular worker's cottage with Gothic Revival detailing along Tweedle Street within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1907 residential building on the east side of Tweedle Street in the community of Glen Williams; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey wood frame residential building.