



BY-LAW NO. 2023-0113

A By-law to designate the Williams-Wheeler Store, located at 517 Main Street, Glen Williams, 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 517 Main Street, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Williams-Wheeler Store 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 Williams-Wheeler Store at 517 Main Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Municipality as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS on October 30, 2023, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2023-064 dated September 15, 2023, 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 Williams-Wheeler Store located at 517 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 11th day of December, 2023.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0113

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 250580186

PT LT 21, CON 10 ESQ, AS IN 675018; AKA LT 64 PLAN 49 EAST OR SOUTHEAST SIDE OF PRINCE ST; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PART LOT 21, CONCESSION 10 ESQ, PART 1 20R21669 AS IN HR1705511

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0113

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The property at 517 Main Street is located along the southeast side of Main Street at the intersection of Main and Prince Streets in Glen Williams. The property contains a two-storey brick structure with gable roof and rear two-storey addition.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 517 Main Street has physical and design value as a representative vernacular nineteenth-century brick commercial building within the community of Glen Williams. The red and buff brick building, with gable roof, rubble stone foundation and wooden architectural detailing makes the Williams-Wheeler store an excellent example of early European development in the mid-nineteenth century in the Glen. The historic wooden storefront with wooden panels, display windows and recessed entry, along with the one-storey shed-roofed porch reflect those characteristics typical of mid-nineteenth century commercial buildings in Ontario, while the dichromatic brickwork and detailing reflect the use of local materials, as well as prosperity of the industrialist Williams family.

The property at 517 Main Street has significant historical and associative value due to its associations with the Williams Family, Wheeler Family, and the European settlement and early growth of Glen Williams. The Wheeler-Williams Store was constructed by leading community figure Charles Williams, son of Glen Williams founder Benajah Williams, an industrialist, Justice of the Peace, and the first Postmaster in the community. The store was also run for decades by members of the Wheeler Family, with four members of the family serving as postmasters in the hamlet between 1885 and 1972. The Williams-Wheeler Store reflects the mid-19th century development of the community as the first post office and the early prosperity of industrialists in Glen Williams.

The property at 517 Main Street has significant contextual value as a landmark along Main Street in the heart of Glen Williams. The Williams-Wheeler Store has stood in this location since 1856, before Confederation, and has remained an integral part of the community since its construction. One of several mid-nineteenth century buildings along Main Street, the Williams-Wheeler Store at 517 Main Street is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings in Glen Williams. Functionally, the Williams-Wheeler Store has served as a public destination since the mid-nineteenth century as a store and post office and has continued to serve as a landmark community hub and restaurant. The Williams-Wheeler store contributes to the heritage character and cultural heritage value of the community and is an integral part of the historic core of Glen Williams.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 517 Main Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The location, setback, and orientation of the two-storey building along Main Street in Glen Williams;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey building, including the gable roof with returning eaves and rubble stone foundation;
- The materials, including red and buff brick, wooden storefront windows and entry surround, and wooden porch;
- On the front (northwest) elevation:
 - The historical wooden storefront with wooden lower panel, display windows with wooden muntins and recessed entry;
 - The one-storey shed-roofed porch with wooden columns;
 - The symmetrically placed flat-headed windows at the second storey with dichromatic brick voussoirs;

- The red brick façade including decorative dichromatic brickwork throughout, including buff brick quoining at the corners;
- The central brick chimney above the central gable;
- On the side (northeast) elevation:
 - Red brick façade and buff brick quoining at the corners;
 - Flat-headed window openings at the second storey;
- On the side (southwest) elevation:
 - Red brick façade and buff brick quoining at the corners;
 - Flat-headed window openings at the second storey.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 517 Main Street that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The property's legibility as a mid-nineteenth century commercial building within the community of Glen Williams.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 517 Main Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The property's legibility as a mid-nineteenth century commercial building within the community of Glen Williams.
- The location, setback, and orientation of the two-storey building along Main Street in Glen Williams; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey building, including the gable roof with returning eaves and rubble stone foundation.

The interiors and rear elevation are not identified as heritage attributes of the property.