TOWN OF
HALTON HILLS

BY-LAW NO. 2026-0076

A By-law to designate the George H. Kennedy Home, located at 49 & 51 Main Street North, 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 located at 49 & 51 Main Street North, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the George H. Kennedy 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 George H. Kennedy Home, located at 49 & 51 Main Street North, 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 July 13, 2026, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2026-042, dated June 18, 2026, 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 George H. Kennedy Home, located at 49 & 51 Main Street North, 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 in 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 November, 2026.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0076

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LT 24, PL 59, EXCEPT PM172; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250380039

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-0076

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is located at the northeast corner of Main Street North and Ewing Street in the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills. The property is a rectangular parcel containing a single-detached dwelling and a one-storey garage with gable roof at the rear.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The George H. Kennedy Family Home at 49-51 Main Street North in Georgetown is a representative example of a Gothic Revival residential building with Italianate influences within the community. Features extant on the existing building that are consistent with the Gothic Revival architectural style include its one-and-a-half-storey massing, central lancet window beneath the gable peak, ornate wooden bargeboard and wooden finial above the gable peak, and a central entrance, while features consistent with the Italianate architectural style include its symmetrical composition, cornice brackets beneath the eaves of each projecting bay, buff brick quoining and strongly-defined corners, dichromatic brick detailing, and ornate buff brick hood molds and voussoirs over the window openings.

The subject property has significant historical and associative value due to its connections with the family of prominent community member George H. Kennedy. George H. Kennedy (1836-1901) was the son of Charles Kennedy and Elizabeth Williams, notable 19th-century settlers in the area. In 1856, Kennedy married Margaret Jane Walker (1840-1914); Walker was born in Ireland and immigrated with her family to Canada in 1849, settling in Georgetown where she lived for the rest of her life. George H. Kennedy served as a member of County Council, Deputy Reeve, and later Reeve of Georgetown, and in 1892 became the Clerk of Esquesing Township following Colonel Murray's death, a position which he held until 1900. Kennedy was also a school trustee and a member of the Georgetown High School Board, and a Justice of the Peace. Prominent community members, the Kennedy family were also devout members of the Methodist church.

The George H. Kennedy Family Home would later be owned by both of their daughters. Through probate of will, the subject property was transferred from George H. Kennedy to Margaret Kennedy during her natural life, following which it was transferred to his daughter Maggie Lavina Ann Kennedy (1879-1917). Maggie Kennedy worked as a saleswoman with her brother, Herbert Willis (H.W.) Kennedy. In 1913 the *Georgetown Herald* reported that H.W. Kennedy's sister, Miss Kennedy, "…is an efficient assistant in the store". H.W. Kennedy, who established his mercantile business in Georgetown in 1885, also worked a realtor, insurance agent, issued marriage licences, and served as Clerk and Treasurer of the Town, in addition to serving as Chair of the Public Library Board and Secretary of the Trustee Board of the Methodist Church. Following Maggie Kennedy's death in 1917, her sister Mary Agnes Charlotte Kennedy (1874-1956), a dressmaker, lived in the home until her death.

The George H. Kennedy Family Home remains part of a collection of several remaining late-nineteenth-century residential buildings along Main Street on either side of the railway corridor in the community of Georgetown. Although there is significant infill development in and around these residential properties, the George H. Kennedy Family Home along with these other residential buildings reflects the evolution of the area from its nineteenth-century European settlement to more dense urban character today, and as such is functionally and historically linked to its surroundings. The George H. Kennedy Family Home is similar in scale and massing to existing surrounding residential buildings has not been identified as a landmark.

The heritage attributes of the property at 49 & 51 Main Street North that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the George H. Kennedy Home at the northeast corner of Main Street North and Ewing Street in the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing original one-and-a-half-storey building with gable roof and cut stone foundation;
- The materials, including red and buff brick, stone wills, and wooden detailing;
- The front (southwest) elevation, including:
    - Buff brick quoining at each corner;
    - At the first storey:
        - The centrally-located entrance;
        - Buff brick string course across the façade;
        - Two projecting bays on either side of the main entrance, featuring a buff brick string course, red brick exterior, single segmentally arched window openings with buff brick hood moulds and stone sills, and bracketed wooden eaves;
    - At the second storey:
        - Lancet arched window opening with dichromatic brick hood mould and stone sill;
        - Wooden bargeboard and decorative finial within the central gable peak;
- The side (northwest) elevation, including:
    - At the first and second storeys, two segmentally arched window openings featuring stone sills and buff brick hood moulds;
    - Buff brick string course across the façade;
- The side (southeast) elevation, including:
    - At the first and second storeys, two segmentally arched window openings featuring stone sills and buff brick hood moulds;
    - Buff brick string course across the façade;
- The rear (northwest) elevation, including:
    - Buff brick quoining at each corner; and,
    - Two segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills.

The rear additions and porches are not identified as heritage attributes of the subject property.

The heritage attribute of the property at 49 & 51 Main Street North that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing building as a representative example of a Gothic Revival residential building with Italianate influences along Main Street North in the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills.

The heritage attributes of the property at 49 & 51 Main Street North that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing building as a representative example of a Gothic Revival residential building with Italianate influences along Main Street North in the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the George H. Kennedy Home at the northeast corner of Main Street North and Ewing Street in the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing one-and-a-half-storey building with gable roof and cut stone foundation.