



BY-LAW NO. 2025-0083

A By-law to designate the Tost Blacksmith Shop and Schenk House, located at 3 Prince 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 3 Prince Street, Glen Williams, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and know as the Tost Blacksmith Shop and Schenk House 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 Tost Blacksmith Shop and Schenk House at 3 Prince 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-2025-047, dated August 8, 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 Tost Blacksmith Shop and Schenk House located at 3 Prince 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. 2025-0083

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 250580188

PT LT 21, CON 10 ESQ, AS IN 814228; LT 66, PL 49; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0083

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is located along the southeast side of Prince Street in the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills at the corner of the intersection of Main Street and Prince Street at the core of Glen Williams. The property is an irregularly shaped parcel that extends to the rear of the adjacent properties (Glen Williams Town Hall at 1 Prince Street, Williams-Wheeler General Store at 517 Main Street) and the side lot line of the Williams Mill property at 515 Main Street. A paved driveway is located adjacent to the one-and-a-half storey former brick blacksmith shop with wooden addition. The former blacksmith shop is connected to the existing one-and-a-half-storey brick residential building along the southwest side. The property features significant mature trees and natural landscaping along the side and rear lot lines.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 3 Prince Street has physical and design value as it contains a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century vernacular industrial building, as well as an early-twentieth century example of a vernacular residential building with Edwardian influences. The former Tost Blacksmith Shop is a one-and-a-half-storey brick building with a gable roof and symmetrically placed, flat-headed window openings with painted sills. While adapted for residential use, the building has retained its scale, form, and massing, with evidence of original openings throughout the structure.

The Schenk House, built c.1934, is a representative example of an early-twentieth-century vernacular building with Edwardian influences in the community of Glen Williams. The existing one-and-a-half storey brick building features a symmetrical façade, with one-storey porch with brick columns extending along the first storey of the front elevation, and two symmetrically placed flatheaded window openings at the upper storey with stone sills. The hipped roof features a central dormer on the front elevation, and the front and side elevations of the building feature smooth red brick in a running bond.

The Tost Blacksmith Shop has historical and associative value due to its associations with blacksmith and manufacturer William Tost and his family. Tost, a Town Hall Trustee, was a prominent blacksmith, edge tool and mill iron manufacturer in the community, and patented the Iron Beam Harrow of his own design. The property is also associated with the family of William and Evelyn Schenk, who established the Credit Valley Bottling Company in Glen Williams in the former blacksmith shop. Schenk, a local business and property owner, and Postmaster in the Village following John Wheeler, also purchased the adjacent property at 7 Prince Street. Schenk was a local Councillor, long-term board member for the North Halton High School District Board, and member of the Credit Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 219 G.R.C. In 1952, Schenk's son opened the Glen Knitting Mills in the former blacksmith shop and bottling plant, operating at this location until the mid-1960s.

The Tost Blacksmith Shop and Schenk House are contextually significant and important in defining and maintaining the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century character of the surrounding area. The property is directly adjacent to several landmark properties in the community of Glen Williams, and retains significant historical, physical, functional, and visual links to its surroundings. The Tost Blacksmith Shop with adjacent Schenk House has been identified as a landmark at the foot of Prince Street, directly adjacent to

the Glen Williams Town Hall within the centre of the community.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 3 Prince Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The Tost Blacksmith Shop, including:
 - o The setback, location, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey brick industrial-form building along Prince Street in the community of Glen Williams;
 - o The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its side open-gable roof;
 - o The materials, including red brick exterior and stone sills throughout;
- The Schenk House, including:
 - o The setback, location, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey brick residential building adjacent to the Tost Blacksmith Shop;
 - o The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its hipped roof with central dormer;
- The materials, including red brick exterior in running bond and concrete sills;
- The hipped roof porch with brick columns and walls at the first storey of the front elevation;
- The symmetrically placed, flatheaded window openings at the second storey of the front elevation; and,
- On the southwest elevation, the tall brick chimney extending above the eaves.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 3 Prince Street that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the c.1871 former blacksmith shop and c.1934 vernacular residential building with Edwardian influences within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

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 - o For the c.1871 blacksmith shop:
 - The setback, location, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey brick industrial-form building along Prince Street in the community of Glen Williams;
 - The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its side open-gable roof;
 - o For the c.1934 vernacular residential building with Edwardian influences:
 - The setback, location, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey brick residential building adjacent to the Tost Blacksmith Shop; and,
 - The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its hipped roof with central dormer.

The one-storey connection between the two buildings, the interiors and rear elevation of the Tost Blacksmith Shop, and the interiors and rear/northeast elevations of the Schenk House, have not been identified as heritage attributes of the property.