



BY-LAW NO. 2024-0065

A By-law to designate the Arnold House, located at 91 Mill Street East, Acton, 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 91 Mill Street East, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Arnold 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 Arnold House at 91 Mill Street East, 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 May 27, 2024, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2024-031, dated April 19, 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 Arnold House located at 91 Mill Street East, 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. 2024-0065

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 250020121

PT LT 27, BLK 5, PL 31, AS IN 743138 ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098; TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0065

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is a rectangular shaped parcel located along the northwest side of Mill Street East; for the purposes of clarity, the primary elevation facing Mill Street East will be described as the south side. The property contains a two-and-a-half-storey frame residential building with brick veneer, set back from the street and accessed via a gravel driveway. The existing house features a hipped roof and is partially screened with mature trees and vegetation from the right of way.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 91 Mill Street East has physical and design value as a representative example of an Edwardian residential building in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills. The existing two-storey, red brick structure with hipped roof and stone foundation features a balanced façade, simple hipped roof with dormers, and smooth, red-brick surfaces. The roof features a central dormer on the front elevation, and several flat-headed window openings are featured throughout. The front porch with squared wood columns on brick bases on the primary elevation within a balanced façade is characteristic of residential Edwardian architecture.

The property at 91 Mill Street East has historical and associative value due to its associations with the prominent local Arnold family and with the leather industry in Acton. Built in 1924, the property was purchased in the same year by Roland Roy Arnold, son of glove manufacturer H.T. Arnold and manager of the Canada Glove Works following his brother’s tenure as President between 1937 and 1945. Roy Arnold served as president of the firm between 1945 and 1954 when it was announced that the plant would be closed. In addition to his role at the Canada Glove Works, Roy was a charter member of the Acton Rotary Club, joining in 1948. Roy’s wife Mary Arnold was a life member of the United Church WMS and had been appointed deputy distributor for Ration Books distributed in Georgetown and Acton during WWII. The Arnolds lived at the subject property for almost 40 years.

The property at 91 Mill Street East has contextual value as it is important in defining and maintaining the late nineteenth century character of the area, in close proximity to the former glove factory on Bower Street which was a significant employer within the community between the 1860s and 1950s. One of many Edwardian buildings within Acton of this vintage, Arnold House is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings within the historic Acton core. The existing residential building is set back from the street and has not been identified as a landmark.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 91 Mill Street East that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing residential building along Mill Street East in the community of Acton, Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-and-a-half storey frame Edwardian Foursquare building with brick cladding and stone foundation with hipped roof, central dormer, and brick chimney at the rear;
- Materials, including red brick cladding, stone foundation, and concrete sills and lintels;
- The front (south) elevation, including:
 - Covered wooden porch at the first storey;
 - Flat-headed door opening with stone lintel;
 - Flat-headed window openings at the first and second storeys;

- Central hipped roof dormer;
- The side (east and west) elevations, including:
 - Flat-headed window openings with concrete sills and lintels; and,
- The red brick chimney at the rear (north) elevation.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 91 Mill Street East that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The property's legibility as an early-twentieth-century Edwardian residential building within the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 91 Mill Street East that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The property's legibility as a an early-twentieth-century Edwardian residential building within the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills.
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing residential building along Mill Street East in Acton; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-and-a-half storey frame Edwardian Foursquare building with brick cladding and stone foundation with hipped roof, central dormer, and brick chimney at the rear.