



BY-LAW NO. 2025-0033

A By-law to designate the Atkinson-Lake House, located at 15 Queen Street, Georgetown, 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 15 Queen Street, Georgetown, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Atkinson-Lake 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 Atkinson-Lake House, at 15 Queen 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 March 3, 2025, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2025-007, dated February 6, 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 Atkinson-Lake House located at 15 Queen 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 14th day of April, 2025.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0033

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PLAN 37 LOT 7 PT BLK D; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250400026

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-0033

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The property is a rectangular-shaped lot located on the northwest side of Queen Street in the community of Georgetown within the Town of Halton Hills. The property contains a late-nineteenth-century vernacular residential building with Gothic Revival influences and is legally described as “PLAN 37 LOT 7 PT BLK D; HALTON HILLS”.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Atkinson-Lake House at 15 Queen Street has design and physical value, and it is a representative example of a late-nineteenth-century vernacular residential building with Gothic Revival architectural influences in the community of Georgetown. The two-storey frame dwelling features influence from the Gothic Revival style, including elements such as the bay window and two gable peaks along the side (southwest) elevation, and the front porch on the front elevation.

The Atkinson-Lake House at 15 Queen Street has historical and associative value as it is associated with the Glassey and Dale families, and because of its associations with the development of Queen Street during the expansion of the railroad. John Glassey worked at the Barber Paper Mill as a paper maker, alongside his children John Jr. and Ellen. In later years, Ellen was granted ownership of the property, and lived there with her husband, LeRoy Dale. Dale was involved in local politics, having been elected as a Georgetown Village Councillor in 1919, a Reeve in 1920, and the first Mayor of Georgetown upon the Village’s incorporation as a Town in 1922. Dale served as the Mayor until 1926 and was re-elected as Mayor in 1928 after a 2-year break. Dale was also involved with the local community, being a member of St. John’s Church, where he later presented memorial windows located on the east side of the Church. He was also a president of the Georgetown Red Cross society for several years during and after WWII, and was an honorary president of Branch 120, Canadian Legion, and donated a memorial plaque for the Legion auditorium. Dale’s interest in sports also led him to become the first president of the Georgetown Arena Company, a private arena constructed by citizens. The property is also associated with John J. Gibbons, who opened a barber shop with his business partner along Main Street. In later years, Gibbons operated a barber shop on his own before becoming involved in local politics in 1931. Gibbons was first elected as a Councilor in 1931, holding the position for three years before running for Mayor. Following the election, Gibbons served a ten-year term from 1934-1943, taking a break from politics in 1943 for 2 years. The property also has historical and associative value, due to its associations with the development of Queen Street during the expansion of the railroad. During this time, the surrounding area experienced significant residential development and growth.

The Atkinson-Lake House at 15 Queen Street has contextual value as it serves to define and maintain the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century character of properties surrounding the former Grand Trunk Railway Station. The property is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings in the residential neighbourhood, within close proximity to the Georgetown GO Station.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 15 Queen Street, Georgetown that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Queen Street in Georgetown;
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing c.1880s, two-storey vernacular residential building with gable roof, one-storey covered porch, and frame construction;
- The front (southeast) elevation, including:

- Flatheaded window openings located at the first and second storeys;
- Flatheaded entryway located beneath the existing covered porch;
- The side (southwest) elevation, including:
 - One-storey projecting bay with three window openings;
 - Twin gable peaks located at the second storey; and,
 - Flatheaded window opening at the first storey.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 15 Queen Street, Georgetown, that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late-nineteenth century vernacular residential building along Queen Street within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 15 Queen Street, Georgetown, that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late-nineteenth century vernacular residential building along Queen Street within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1880s Atkinson-Lake House on the northwest side of Queen Street, Georgetown; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey vernacular frame residential building.