



**BY-LAW NO. 2008- 0113**

A By-law to designate the property at 99 River Drive, known as Barber Paper Mill, as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**WHEREAS** authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 99 River Drive, known as Barber Paper Mill, as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be 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 Barber Paper Mill at 99 River Drive and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the 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 "A" to this by-law;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills considers it desirable to designate this property as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The property known as the "Barber Paper Mill" located at 99 River Drive, Halton Hills, Part of Lot 18, Concession 10 (Esquesing), being shown as Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Reference Plan 20R-6738 and Part 1 on Reference Plan 20R-7026, in the Town of Halton Hills, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for the reasons set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
2. The detailed legal description of the property being designated is set out in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this by-law.
3. A copy of this by-law together with reasons for the designation shall be registered against the property and served in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
4. A notice of this by-law shall 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

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MAYOR – Rick Bonnette

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ACTING CLERK – Debbie Edmonds

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION  
"Barber Paper Mill"

Description

The Barber Paper Mill was a late nineteenth century industrial complex on the banks of the Credit River in the Town of Georgetown. The site covers 5.24 hectares (12.9 acres). North of the remaining buildings is the original waterpower dam site. The complex included a boiler house, a three-storey finishing building, several machine buildings, bleacher building, an evaporator building, power building and race building. Building No. 3 (as shown on the attached drawing on Schedule A, page 2) incorporated the oldest structure dating back to 1854.

Heritage Value

The Mill represents the papermaking industry that was instrumental in the development of Georgetown. Founded and operated by the Barber family, leading industrialists in Canada West and early Ontario, the complex produced paper for all of Canada from 1854 until 1948. The paper industry was the leading Georgetown employer by the turn of the twentieth century and gave the town the nickname of "Paper Town". In 1888, with the construction of the dynamo downstream, the Barber Paper Mill was reputedly the first industrial use of electricity, transmitted over a distance, in North America.

The Barber Paper Mill was an excellent example of a late-nineteenth century industrial complex. No other industrial complex of this size remains in Halton Hills.

The remains of the Mill complex are located on the Credit River, contributing a distinctive character to the surrounding landscape. It has always been a local landmark and truly represents the community.

Character Defining Elements

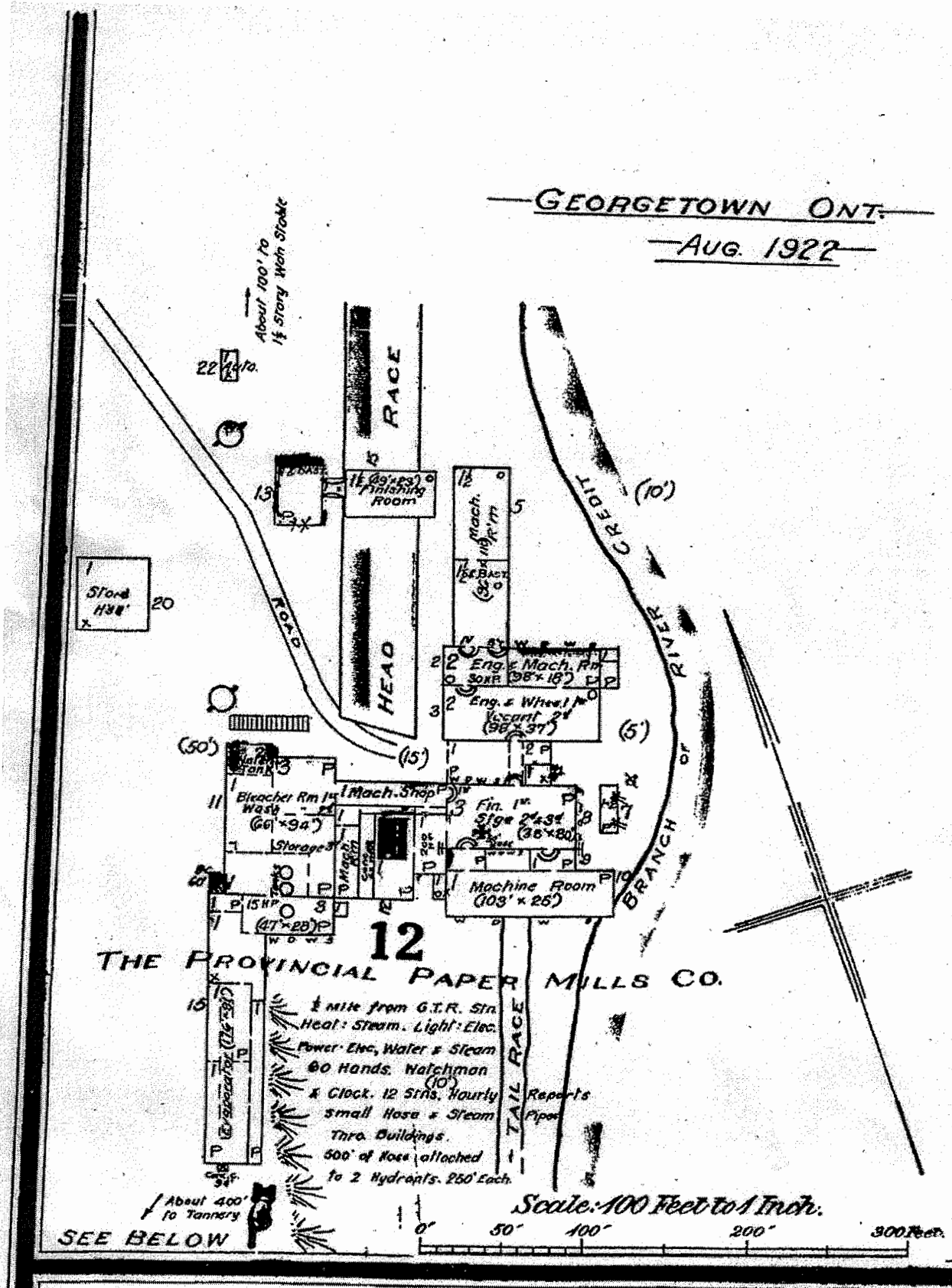
The site's excellent representation of a late-nineteenth century industrial complex is reflected in:

- The use of limestone as the principal building material.
- The "1854" date stone is set into Building No. 3 (as shown on the attached drawing on Schedule A, page 2) which has been dressed on the exterior.
- The oldest original building in the best repair is the 1858 three-storey finishing building No. 8 (as shown on the attached drawing on Schedule A, page 2).
- The 1888 buildings erected to house the electrical machinery. Built of stone, they are crowned with three rows of butt-ended yellow "Cheltenham" brick soffits.
- The 1888 boiler house No. 12 (as shown on the attached drawing on Schedule A, page 2) built of yellow "Cheltenham" brick.
- The only chimney remaining on site – a steel tube with a flared base, resting on a pier of limestone. It sits next to building No. 12 (as shown on the attached drawing on Schedule A, page 2).

The Mill's role as a pioneer in using electricity transmitted over a distance for an industrial use is reflected in:

- The small power building No. 7 (as shown on the attached drawing on Schedule A, page 2), on the riverside, originally for steam power in 1858, it became the connection point for the electricity generated downstream starting in 1888.

Fire Insurance Map of August 1922



SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 2008-0113

Description

Part of Lot 18, Concession 10 (Esquesing), being shown as Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Reference Plan 20R-6738 and Part 1 on Reference Plan 20R-7026, in the Town of Halton Hills, in the Regional Municipality of Halton.