



BY-LAW NO. 2014-0015

A By-law to designate the Devereaux House, located at 11494 Trafalgar Road (Esquesing), 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 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 11494 Trafalgar Road (Esquesing), legally described as Part Lot 18, Concession 7 ESQ, being Part 1, 20R-9044 S&E Part 1, 20R-16433; Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton and known as the Devereaux House, as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation for the Town of Halton Hills has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as the Devereaux House located at 11494 Trafalgar Road (Esquesing), and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused 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 "B" of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS on January 13, 2014, Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PDS-2013-0077, dated December 3, 2013, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the designation of the designation of the Devereaux House, 11494 Trafalgar Road (Esquesing), under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

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

1. THAT the Devereaux House located at 11494 Trafalgar Road (Esquesing), 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 17th day of March , 2014.

MAYOR – Rick Bonnette

TOWN CLERK – Suzanne Jones

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 2014-0015

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 25015-0166 (LT)

Part Lot 18, Concession 7 ESQ, being Part 1, 20R-9044 S&E Part 1, 20R-16433; Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton

SCHEDULE "B" to BY-LAW 2014-0015 REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

Devereaux House is located at 11494 Trafalgar Road, Esquesing Township, legally described as Part Lot 18, Concession 7 ESQ, being Part 1, 20R-9044 S&E Part 1, 20R-16433; Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design or Physical Value

The building, with notable interior and exterior architectural features, is an exceptional example of a 19th century simple High Victorian farmhouse.

Historical or Associative Value

The site is an excellent example of the second stage of farm development in Esquesing Township after the prosperity generated by the trade in agricultural crops with England allowed for the construction of enhanced and embellished dwellings. This one-and-a-half-storey brick home was built to provide a more comfortable and stable living structure for the Devereaux farm family. The house would have replaced their log cabin, built some three decades earlier when Elijah Devereaux, a soldier with links to United Empire Loyalists, first purchased and settled on the land in 1831.

Contextual Value

Devereaux House, located as it is within a community park, will continue to evoke memories of the rural landscape which has defined the character of Esquesing Township since the mid-1800s. The vista created by the house and its surroundings are unique and will become more precious as north Halton transforms from rural to urban in nature.

Description of Heritage Attributes

- The **architecture** of Devereaux House is often referred to as "**vernacular**" style. The current structure was likely built in two phases, with the west arm being the original brick house (circa 1860) with main level consisting of a large living area and two smaller rooms. A steep wooden staircase led to a large common bedroom.

The second phase, assumed to have been constructed in the 1880s, reflects the Devereaux family's wealth at the time. The "addition" more than doubled the size of the house, including two parlours, a reading or sewing room, staircase and hall, and 4 bedrooms.

- The main door **entrances** (facing east and south) are framed and panelled, with the original stone thresholds. The two doors have transom windows and side lights, (though boarded up on the east Trafalgar door).
- **Exterior woodwork**, including heavy, multi-stepped cornice with dentil accents, soffits and reconstructed "chain" bargeboard on the fascia reflects the style of the times as well as the wealth of the owners.
- A distinctive blend of elegance and practicality is reflected in the use of two **brick** colours and design.
- The second floor centre gable **window** is a picturesque gothic style and its rounded arches form a quatrefoil (four lobed) cut-out. Other windows throughout the house are restored, double hung, six panes over six, with wood muntin bars and stone sills. Shutters were part of the window treatments, and the set flanking the front windows, (facing Trafalgar Road) are original.

- **Flooring** throughout the building is 1 ¼ inch pine, roughly 4 inches wide, and the boards are visible in all principal rooms and upstairs. In the parlour and centre hall, the floors have been sanded and stained walnut, though a portion of the original painted floor has been preserved under one of the area rugs. The “back” stairs, leading from the heritage kitchen to the upper level, retain the original well-worn finish.
- **Interior woodwork** is exceptional, featuring heavy and multi-layered mouldings surrounding all the windows and doors. A variety of styles is evident, reflecting personal taste and the fact that construction would have occurred over several years. Wide **baseboards** are original throughout the building. Of particular note: the restored raised panel **wainscoting** and reconstructed **built-in open cupboard** in the heritage kitchen which are finished in the original colour; the rebuilt **mantel and original built-in cupboard** beside the fireplace; **newel posts, curved banister** and **spindles** which were restored and/or replaced on the **central staircase**; and **wooden raised panel interior doors**.

Wood trim has been **painted** in heritage colours with two exceptions: the original “**graining**” was untouched on the inside of the unused door which opens onto Trafalgar Road, and the green painted finish (perhaps milk paint) inside the catering kitchen door is very old. The deep red/brown stain with amber shellac finish in the heritage kitchen was restored, not refinished, and salvaged replacement trim and doors were stained to match.

- The brick **Rumford fireplace** is notable as one of the most energy efficient, classic fireplace designs. The **hearth** is one piece of hand chiseled limestone, approximately 5 feet wide and 18 inches deep.