



**BY-LAW NO. 2016-0054**

A By-law to designate Rolling Hills Farm, located at 14249 Tenth Line, 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 14249 Tenth Line, legally described as Part Lots 31 & 32, Concession 10 Esquesing, Part 1, 20R-11404, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton and known as Rolling Hills Farm, 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 Rolling Hills Farm located at 14249 Tenth Line, 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 July 11, 2016, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PI-2016-0068, dated May 31, 2016, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the designation of Rolling Hills Farm, 14249 Tenth Line, 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 Rolling Hills Farm located at 14249 Tenth Line, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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MAYOR – Rick Bonnette

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TOWN CLERK – Suzanne Jones

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2016-0054**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PIN: 25009 – 0053 (LT)

Part Lots 31 & 32, Concession 10 Esquesing, Part 1, 20R-11404, Town of Halton Hills,  
Regional Municipality of Halton

## **SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2016-0054**

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

#### **Description of Property**

Rolling Hills Farm is located at 14249 Tenth Line, legally described as Part Lots 31 & 32, Concession 10 Esquesing, Part 1, 20R-11404, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

#### **Design or Physical Value**

Rolling Hills Farm’s design or physical value is reflected in several aspects of the property. The 1883 house is crafted of stone, likely quarried on this property. The house is unique in the inclusion of an ice house attached to the main building. The large barn from circa 1890 reflects the bank barn construction common to this area and the technical skill of a rack lifter relative to wheat and grain growing farming. The pond, a re-purposed quarry and the dam from 1929 reflect the tourism industry created by stocking the pond with trout. The craftsmanship in the dry stone wall bordering the 10th Line reflects the Niagara escarpment and farming history. The remnant of the apple orchard reflects the early pioneering history of virtually every farm in Esquesing township.

#### **Historical or Associative Value**

Rolling Hills Farm’s historical and associative value are reflected in its careers as being near an aboriginal village site, a family farm, quarry, fishing camp and private residence associated with people of significance. The farm was owned by Brigadier-General F. C. Wallace. Wallace was associated with the Tizard Mission to the United States and Canada which was credited with changing the course of World War II. This makes him both internationally and nationally significant. As an industrialist and an equestrian he was also important provincially, in Toronto and in Halton Hills. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada stayed here as a guest of Brigadier and Mrs. Wallace in 1973.

#### **Contextual Value**

Rolling Hills Farm has contextual value because it has been carefully set in the Rogers Creek valley, embracing the creek as it finds its way down the escarpment. The property provides a vista of the valley opening to the east, which encompasses several neighbouring properties. This was doubtless the attraction to the original Neutral Iroquoian residents. The dry stone fence marks out the historical importance of the property between the adjoining forested areas and has become a landmark to local residents and passers-by alike.

#### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The heritage attributes of Rolling Hills Farm to be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act consist of:

- A dry stone fence, built by local stone bordering the 10th Line.
- An 1883 stone house built from local stone in the Gothic Revival style. Three gable ends support intricate pierced barge board. A porch roof supported by squared posts feature a wide appliqued running board above spool spandriels with fretwork brackets. The house has cut stone quoins, lug sills and voussiors. The semielliptical windows are two over two single hung sashes, flanked by semi-elliptical shutters.

- A two-storey stone ice house with barn board door.
- A royal retreat.
- A few heritage apple trees.
- A concrete, stone and earthen dam.
- A stone and wood barn which contains a rack lifter. It is post and beam pinned mortise and tenon construction. It contains horse and cattle stabling.