

REPORT

REPORT TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

REPORT FROM: Charlie Toman, Planner – Development Review

DATE: November 18, 2013

REPORT NO.: PDS-2013-0078

RE: Intent to Designate Jacob Kennedy House property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act
16 George Street, Georgetown

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PDS-2013-0078, dated November 18, 2013, with respect to “Intent to Designate the Jacob Kennedy House property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act”, 16 George Street, Georgetown, legally described as Part Lot 27, Plan 76, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council indicate its intention to designate the Jacob Kennedy House property, located at 16 George Street Georgetown, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerks department proceed with the notification requirements as set out in the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the thirty-day objection period has expired and if there are no objections, that a designation by-law for Council adoption be brought forward.

BACKGROUND:

The preparation of this Report was triggered by a Recommendation made by Heritage Halton Hills that the Jacob Kennedy House, located on a 705 m² (7,590 ft²) property at 16 George Street in Georgetown (see **SCHEDULE 1: LOCATION MAP**), be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

In January 2013, Jenny and Paul Ruttimann, the owners of the subject property, approached Heritage Halton Hills and requested that their dwelling be considered for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Members of Heritage Halton Hills evaluated the property and identified the dwelling as being a good example of an

COMMUNICATIONS IMPACT:

If Council decides that designation under Part IV is warranted, staff will provide Written Notice of Intention to Designate as required by Section 29 (3) of the Ontario Heritage Act in the manner and form and to the persons and agencies prescribed by the Ontario Heritage Act.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

Since the recommendations of this report are not related to a major project, policy or initiative, sustainability implications are not triggered and hence there are no direct sustainability implications associated with this report.

CONSULTATION:

Consultation between the Clerks department, Heritage Halton Hills Committee and the property owners of 16 George Street, Georgetown, led to the preparation of this report.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that Council indicate its intent to designate the Jacob Kennedy House at 16 George Street, Georgetown under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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SCHEDULE 2 to PDS-2013-0078
DESIGNATION REPORT

Jacob Kennedy House



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Once Resident Here Dies Hamilton Hospital

A resident of Georgetown from 1900 to 1915, Jacob D. Kennedy died in Hamilton General Hospital on Monday.

Mr. Kennedy was born in Erin Township. During his residence in town, he lived in the house on George Street where Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beerman now live. He was a member of Philpott Tabernacle, Hamilton.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Annie Henry, London, Mrs. R. A. Braby, Toronto and Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, who lived with her father at 188 Balsam Ave. S., Hamilton, a son, Hugh D. Kennedy, of Hamilton, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. His wife, the former Agnes Smith died on June 22nd last year, and a son, Pastor L. A. Kennedy, predeceased him six years ago. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. G. Harvey, Toronto, and Mrs. Maude Brandow, Hamilton.

The funeral service was held this afternoon at Blachford & Wray's Chapel, with interment in Woodland Cemetery.

The mortgage in 1906 by Jacob Kennedy, as soon as he purchased Lot 27, suggests he built the present house in 1906. The style of the house is very similar to those of similar vintage in Glen Williams, which were built for labourers at the woollen mills.

The Kennedy family lived here until 1915 (see his obituary, 1953), before moving to Hamilton. He sold the house in 1919 to Thomas James Eason, who sold to Edith Ostrander, a widow, in 1927. The former Mrs. Ostrander, now Edith Morris sold the house in 1946 to Edward and Gladys Beerman, who lived on George Street until 1973, when Mr. Beerman sold to Don and Barbara Ann Squire.

The Squires sold to Peter and Darlene Moss in 1988 who remained in the house until 2002, at which time it was sold to Sandra and Louis Banyard, from whom Paul and Jenny Ruttimann purchased the property in 2012.

Site Analysis

The two storey frame dwelling with basement at 16 George Street, Georgetown, Ontario, in the Town of Halton Hills is located on lot 7, Plan 76. It has been well maintained. It is located in the older downtown section of Georgetown and likely would have been built for, and would have appealed to the budgets of workers employed by businesses in the area such as the nearby Dayfoot Shoe Factory on Mill Street. It is a type of building that could easily be overlooked by a passerby, even by someone taking an interest in heritage and historical matters. Consequently such a building can easily become the subject matter of a demolition and rebuild. It is the type of structure and architectural style that can become scarce with the passage of time...one that should not be lost but should be preserved when it can.

Here we have a dwelling with "good bones" and The Town of Halton Hills is fortunate to have owners who take real pride in their home, who have voluntarily approached Heritage Halton Hills with a desire to have it

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

(Ontario Regulation 9/06)

Description of Property

Number 16 George Street is representative of an era of worker housing in Georgetown, Ontario during the Edwardian Period (1901 to 1910). It is a typical two storey frame dwelling with a peaked roof, two upper story twin sash front windows and a front porch which has been enclosed with surrounding windows including a front entrance door with glazing. The original wood siding has been covered in vinyl, as has the window trim. Consequently any original gingerbread molding and verges have been removed. A block chimney runs the height of the house on the driveway side.

The interior has been substantially renovated. While some of the interior elements have been highlighted, the interior currently does not represent what would have been the original interior layout.

Cultural Heritage Value

The building is of cultural heritage value as a typical example in Georgetown of Edwardian era worker housing. It is a dwelling with historical connections to the early Georgetown pioneering Charles Kennedy family. The land on which the dwelling sits was originally owned by the Kennedy's. The evidence in the land records at the Halton Registry Office in Milton appears to confirm that the dwelling was built by Jacob Kennedy in 1906. The Jacob Kennedy family were residents of the house for approximately 10 years.

Description of Heritage Attributes

- (a) a construction date of circa 1906 which would place it in the middle of the Edwardian period.
- (b) associations with the pioneering Georgetown Kennedy family
- (c) architecturally a typical example of a Georgetown Edwardian era worker housing of frame construction