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August 28, 2025

Attn. Provincial Heritage Registrar  
Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

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Re: Notification of Intent to Designate, through Passage of a By-law, 3 Prince St. PT LT 21, CON 10 ESQ, AS IN 814228; LT 66, PL 49; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING , Municipality of Halton, and known as the Schenk House / Blacksmith Shop, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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This letter is to advise you that the Notice of Intention to Designate for the above property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* was served to the property owner(s), via mail, on August 28, 2025.

The Notice of Intention to Designate 3 Prince St. will be posted on the various Town sites August 28, 2025. A copy of the attached proof for the notice was forwarded to the property owner(s) on August 28, 2025.

Sincerely,



Laura Loney  
Manager of Heritage Planning  
Planning and Development

# UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

## Notice of Intention to Designate



IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in the Town of Halton Hills known municipally as 3 Prince St, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Schenk House / Blacksmith Shop.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 3 Prince St. under Section 29(1), Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The property at 3 Prince Street has physical and design value as it contains a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century vernacular industrial building, as well as an early-twentieth century example of a vernacular residential building with Edwardian influences.

The former Tost Blacksmith Shop is a one-and-a-half-storey brick building with a gable roof and symmetrically placed, flat-headed window openings with painted sills. While adapted for residential use, the building has retained its scale, form, and massing, with evidence of original openings throughout the structure.

The Schenk House, built c.1934, is a representative example of an early-twentieth-century vernacular building with Edwardian influences in the community of Glen Williams. The existing one-and-a-half storey brick building features a symmetrical façade, with one-storey porch with brick columns extending along the first storey of the front elevation, and two symmetrically placed flatheaded window openings at the upper storey with stone sills. The hipped roof features a central dormer on the front elevation, and the front and side elevations of the building feature smooth red brick in a running bond.

The property at 3 Prince Street has historical and associative value due to its associations with blacksmith and manufacturer William Tost and his family. Tost, a Town Hall Trustee, was a prominent blacksmith, edge tool and mill iron manufacturer in the community, and patented the Iron Beam Harrow of his own design.

The property is also associated with the family of William and Evelyn Schenk, who established the Credit Valley Bottling Company in Glen Williams in the former blacksmith shop. Schenk, a local business and property owner, and Postmaster in the Village following John Wheeler, also purchased the adjacent property at 7 Prince Street. Schenk was a local Councillor, long-term board member for the North Halton High School District Board, and member of the Credit Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 219 G.R.C. In 1952, Schenk's son opened the Glen Knitting Mills in the former blacksmith shop and bottling plant, operating at this location until the mid-1960s.



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The property at 3 Prince Street has contextual value as the former blacksmith shop and adjacent residential building are important in defining and maintaining the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century character of the surrounding area. The property is directly adjacent to several landmark properties in the community of Glen Williams, and retains significant historical, physical, functional, and visual links to its surroundings. The Tost Blacksmith Shop with adjacent Schenk House has been identified as a landmark at the foot of Prince Street, directly adjacent to the Glen Williams Town Hall within the centre of the community.

Following research and evaluation according to Ontario Regulation 9/06, it has been determined that the property at 3 Prince Street has physical and design, historical and associative, and contextual value and therefore meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest. The identified heritage attributes of the property at 3 Prince Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The Tost Blacksmith Shop, including:
  - The setback, location, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey brick industrial-form building along Prince Street in the community of Glen Williams;
  - The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its side open-gable roof;
  - The materials, including red brick exterior and stone sills throughout;
- The Schenk House, including:
  - The setback, location, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey brick residential building adjacent to the Tost Blacksmith Shop;
  - The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its hipped roof with central dormer;
- The materials, including red brick exterior in running bond and concrete sills;
- The hipped roof porch with brick columns and walls at the first storey of the front elevation;
- The symmetrically placed, flatheaded window openings at the second storey of the front elevation; and,

On the southwest elevation, the tall brick chimney extending above the eaves. The identified heritage attributes of the property at 3 Prince Street that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The legibility of the c.1871 former blacksmith shop and c.1934 vernacular residential building with Edwardian influences within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 3 Prince Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the c.1871 former blacksmith shop and c.1934 vernacular residential building with Edwardian influences within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills;



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- For the c.1871 blacksmith shop:
  - The setback, location, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey brick industrial-form building along Prince Street in the community of Glen Williams;
  - The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its side open-gable roof;
- For the c.1934 vernacular residential building with Edwardian influences:
  - The setback, location, and orientation of the one-and-a-half storey brick residential building adjacent to the Tost Blacksmith Shop; and,
  - The scale, form, and massing of the existing building, including its hipped roof with central dormer.

The one-storey connection between the two buildings, the interiors and rear elevation of the Tost Blacksmith Shop, and the interiors and rear/northeast elevations of the Schenk House, have not been identified as heritage attributes of the property.

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 3 Prince St. (refer to Report PD-2025-047) is available by contacting Laura Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 x 2358 or by email at [lloney@haltonhills.ca](mailto:lloney@haltonhills.ca).

Any person may, by September 27, 2025 (within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice) serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation to Laura Loney together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills this 28th day of August, 2025.

Laura Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning, Planning and Development, The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2.

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