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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, 537 / 539 Main St., LT 60, RCP 1556, S/T INTEREST IN 85570, IF ANY; HALTON HILLS , Municipality of Halton, and known as the St. Alban's Anglican Church, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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 537 / 539 Main 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



AUGUST 28, 2025

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in the Town of Halton Hills known municipally as 537/539 Main St., Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the St. Alban's Anglican Church.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 537/539 Main 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:

St. Alban's Church within the property at 537 – 539 Main Street has physical and design value as a rare and representative example of an early-twentieth century Gothic Revival church in the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills. The church building displays features typical of the Gothic-Revival style, including the steeply pitched gable roof, cut limestone façade, tall narrow and lancet windows, lancet door openings, stone voussoirs and arches, stone sills and lintels, and stone buttresses. The existing church building has been well-maintained by the congregation over the past 122 years and continues to display many of its original features. The hand cut stone construction, and stain glass window features, display a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit.

The property at 537 – 539 Main Street has associations with the early Anglican community in Glen Williams and the surrounding area, and with the early growth of Anglican congregations throughout Halton Hills. The mid to late-nineteenth century marked an influx of immigrants from England, Ireland, and Scotland settling in the Glen, which prompted a growing demand for an Anglican Church in the village. This desire for an Anglican Church was spearheaded by Samuel Beaumont and his wife Emma, who, after the exit of the Williams family and the economic success of the Beaumont Knitting Mill, established themselves as well-respected community leaders. While parishioners were able to attend St. George's Anglican Church in Georgetown, Anglican residents of Glen Williams felt it was necessary to establish a congregation in the village. Despite opposition from Archbishop DuMoulin, the parish prevailed and constructed their church.

The property also has associations with prominent local residents John Sykes, Samuel and Joseph Beaumont, and Harry Holdroyd, who were actively involved in the establishment and construction of St. Alban's Church. The Beaumont family established the Beaumont Knitting Mill in 1878 and provided jobs for many of the unemployed labourers. John Sykes was a partner in establishing the Sykes and Ainsley Company, who employed Harry Holdroyd as the bookkeeper for the woollen mill.



The property at 537-539 Main Street has significant contextual value as it serves to define and maintain the character of the community of Glen Williams. St. Alban's Church remains physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings as one of the earlier places of worship in Glen Williams. The Church has remained in its existing location for 122 years and is a landmark in the community.

Following research and evaluation according to Ontario Regulation 9/06, it has been determined that the property at 537-539 Main 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 heritage attributes of the property at 537-539 Main Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing c.1903 Gothic Revival religious structure along Main Street in the community of Glen Williams within the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half storey Gothic Revival structure with gable roof, cut limestone construction, and wooden cupola and bell;
- The materials, including limestone, wood, and stained-glass;
- The front (southwest) elevation, including:
- The one-storey stone vestibule, including:
- Plinth foundation;
- Large semi-circular entryway with stone arch and keystone;
- Small lancet arched entryway with stone voussoir;
- Multiple flatheaded window openings with stained-glass, stone sills and lintels;
- Lancet arched window with hood mould and stone voussoir;
- The side (northwest and southeast) elevations, including:
- Multiple flatheaded window openings with stained-glass, stone sills and lintels separated by stone buttresses;
- The rear (northeast) elevation, including:
- Multiple flatheaded window openings with stained-glass, stone sills and lintels separated by stone buttresses; and,
- Datestone inscribed "THIS STONE WAS LAID BY GRAND LODGE OF CANADA A.F. & A.M. SEPT. 8, 1902. M.W. HIS HON. JUDGE J.E.E HARDING, GRAND MASTER".

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 537-539 Main Street that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the existing church building as an early-twentieth-century Gothic Revival religious structure along Main Street within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

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Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 537/539 Main St. (refer to Report PD-2025-046) 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.

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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