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Notice of Intention to Designate



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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in the Town of Halton Hills known municipally as 16 Main Street South, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the McKinlay - McAllister House.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 16 Main Street South, 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 McKinlay-McAllister House at 16 Main Street South has physical and design value as a representative example of a late-nineteenth-century residential dwelling in the Gothic Revival style in the community of Georgetown, within the Town of Halton Hills. The two-storey residential building exhibits features typical of this style, including the stone construction, stone quoins, segmentally arched and semi-circular window openings with stone voussoirs and sills, and front facing gables. In addition to these elements, the former residential building features a transom above the front entryway, a two-storey bay with multiple window openings, a projecting plinth stone foundation, and a c.1922 wooden porch with a wooden cornice, frieze, and architrave, supported by plain wooden tapered columns atop stone piers. The specialized stonework throughout, such as the hand chiselled corners, and hand carved decorative keystone symbols located above each window opening display a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit.

The McKinlay-McAllister House at 16 Main Street South has historical and associative value due to its associations with several dentists and doctors, including Archibald McKinlay, Dr. Andrew Scott Elliott, and Dr. Arthur McAllister. After purchasing the property in 1886, Archibald McKinlay constructed the extant building during the same year. McKinlay lived on the property and owned and operated his own dental practice. In addition to his personal practice, McKinlay also worked as a Demonstrator and Practical Teacher at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons in Toronto. During his time in Georgetown, he lived on Main Street with his two children Norman and Emma, and was an active member of the village Council, and the adjacent Baptist Church.

The property is also associated with Dr. Andrew Scott Elliott, who attended the University of Toronto, studying in the Faculty of Medicine at Trinity Medical College. By 1895, Dr. Elliott had moved to Acton, where he held physician offices on Mill and Main Streets. After completing a post-graduate course, Dr. Elliott moved to Georgetown in 1899, purchasing the subject property.



Shortly after purchasing the property, Dr. Elliott was appointed as the Medical Health Officer of Esquesing Township at \$25 per annum.

Additionally, the property is associated with Dr. Arthur McAllister, who purchased the property in 1911. McAllister established his own practice here, succeeding Dr. Elliott. Dr. McAllister attended the University of Toronto Medical College and began his post-graduate work in 1910, interning at Carleton County General Protestant Hospital in Ottawa. While working in Ottawa, he met his future wife Annie Elliott, who was a nurse at the same hospital. Annie studied at the Lady Stanley Institute for Trained Nurses in Ottawa, which was affiliated with the Ottawa Protestant Hospital. In 1913, Annie graduated from the nursing program, and married Dr. McAllister shortly after. Years following, the McAllister's welcomed their children Helen, Jean, and Arthur. Dr. McAllister was active in the community and was elected as a Public-School Trustee for the village of Georgetown and was actively involved with St. John's United Church in Georgetown. He was a member of the Ontario and Canadian Medical associations, a member of the medical staff at Guelph General Hospital and had been appointed as Medical Officer of Health for Esquesing Township. For more than 30 years, Dr. McAllister was also employed as a Medical Officer for Canadian National Railways. In 1965, Dr. McAllister retired from practicing medicine, nearly 54 years after he started his practice in Georgetown.

The McKinlay-McAllister House at 16 Main Street South is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century character and development of Downtown Georgetown. The property is located in a high concentration of cultural heritage resources and is visually and historically linked to its surroundings in the residential neighbourhood, as a former mixed-use residential building.

The heritage attributes of the property at 16 Main Street South are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing c.1886 Gothic Revival structure along Main Street South in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey Gothic Revival structure with cross-gable roof, L-shaped layout, projecting stone plinth foundation, cut and chiselled stone construction, and stone quoining;
- The materials, including stone and wood;
- The front (northeast) elevation, including:
 - Front projecting two-storey bay with segmentally arched window openings with stone sills, voussoirs, and decorative keystones;
 - Covered porch with wooden cornice, frieze, architrave, as well as wooden plain tapered columns atop stone piers;
 - Semi-circular window opening beneath the front gable peak with stone sill, voussoir, and decorative keystone;



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- The side (southeast) elevation, including:
 - One-storey projecting bay with segmentally arched window openings;
 - Segmentally arched window openings with a stone voussoirs, sills, and decorative keystones;
 - Semi-circular window openings beneath each gable peak with stone voussoirs, sills, and decorative keystones; and,
- The side (northwest) elevation, including:
 - Segmentally arched window openings with stone voussoirs, sills, and decorative keystones.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 16 Main Street South that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the c.1886 Gothic Revival building along Main Street South within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 16 Main Street South that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the c.1886 Gothic Revival building along Main Street South within the community of Georgetown in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1886 McKinlay-McAllister House on the southwest side of Main Street South in the community of Georgetown; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey Gothic Revival building.

The interiors, rear elevation, and rear additions have not been identified as heritage attributes of the subject property as part of this report.

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 16 Main Street South (refer to Report PD-2025-051) 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 November 9, 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 10th day of October 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.