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UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

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 511 Main Street, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Joseph Williams House

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 511 Main Street 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 Joseph Williams House is an excellent representative example of a Georgian Revival residential building within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills. Notwithstanding minor alterations to the exterior of the building, the defining characteristics of the Joseph Williams House have been conserved since its construction in the mid-19th century. Elements contributing to the Georgian Revival style of the building include the scale, form, and massing of the two-storey building, the three flatheaded window openings with jack arches and stone sills.

The Joseph Williams House at 511 Main Street in Glen Williams has significant historical and associative value due to its associations with the Williams family, milling industry, and its later owners, the Hepburn family. Built for significant local businessperson Joseph Williams, the home served as his family home while Williams served as proprietor of the woollen and flour mills adjacent to the property. The home was captured in the 1877 Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Halton, which also profiled Joseph Williams and other members of the powerful local family. Despite a period of well-documented business failures and an attempt to run from his responsibilities to the United States, Williams would return to his community and continue making his mark in local industry. Williams installed an electric generator in the basement of the sawmill and sold this power to the community of Georgetown while converting the mill to a hosiery factory; towards the end of the 19th century, Williams sold the mill to H.P. Lawson who would form the Georgetown Power and Light Company. The Joseph Williams House was later owned by local carpenter John Hepburn and his wife Isobel Hepburn who were involved members of the community. John Hepburn worked at the Apple Products Plant in the former sawmill next door for many years and operated a local Taxi service. Williams also was an avid curler, and he and Isobel Williams were also members of St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church in Glen Williams.



The Joseph Williams House at 511 Main Street holds contextual value as a significant landmark at the south gateway to the community to the northeast of the Credit River. The mid-19th century residential building is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings despite its current use as a commercial building, and is important in defining and maintaining the character of the area.

The heritage attributes of the property at 511 Main Street that contribute to its physical and design value are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Main Street in the community of Glen Williams, Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing two-storey building with side gable roof and stone foundation;
- The materials, including red brick exterior and detailing, wooden detailing throughout, and stone sills throughout;
- The front (northwest) elevation, including:
 - Single flat-headed entrance;
 - At the first storey, two symmetrically placed tall flatheaded window openings with jack arches above with brick voussoirs;
 - At the second storey, three symmetrically placed flatheaded window openings with stone sills and truncated brick voussoirs;
- The side (northeast) elevation, including:
 - The returning eaves;
 - The single flatheaded window opening at the first storey, and two flatheaded window openings at the second storey, with stone sills and jack arches with brick voussoirs;
- The side (southwest) elevation, including:
 - The returning eaves;
 - The single flatheaded window opening at the first storey, and two flatheaded window openings at the second storey, with stone sills and jack arches with brick voussoirs; and,
 - The infilled window opening towards the front elevation with jack arch and brick voussoirs.

The heritage attribute of the property at 511 Main Street that contributes to its historical and associative value is identified as follows:

- The legibility of the existing building within the property as a representative example of a mid-19th century Georgian residential building within the community of Glen Williams.

The heritage attributes of the property at 511 Main Street that contribute to its contextual value are identified as follows:

- The legibility of the existing building within the property as a representative example of a mid-19th century Georgian residential building within the community of Glen Williams;

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- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Main Street in the community of Glen Williams, Town of Halton Hills; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing two-storey building with side gable roof and stone foundation.

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

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 511 Main Street (refer to Report PD-2025-054) 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.