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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 26 Wildwood Rd, Regional Municipality of Halton, also known as The Norton Cottage.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 26 Wildwood Rd 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:

Norton Cottage is a unique example of a c.1942 vernacular residential building with Dutch Colonial Revival and Tudor Revival influences in the Town of Halton Hills. Constructed of locally sourced multi-coloured cut stone, this residential building features a gambrel roof, flatheaded window openings throughout, dormers on the sides of the gambrel roof, and two stone chimneys. One chimney has since been capped, while the other chimney remains functional. The interior of the building features beams, and lower window casements, crafted with locally milled cherry wood. In addition to the beams, the interior features an original stone fireplace and mantelpiece. Constructed using sandstone sourced by trained local quarryman James Norton, and later dressed by stone mason Gerry Inglis, Norton Cottage features a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit with its unique stonework.

While the upper windows have been modified, the lower windows are original cherry-wood casements. Additionally, the original cedar shakes were replaced by asphalt shingles in July 2025. Despite these alterations, the dwelling remains a unique example of a vernacular residential building with both Dutch Colonial Revival and Tudor Revival influences.

The Norton Cottage at 26 Wildwood Road has historical value due to its associations with locally trained quarryman, James Norton, and local mason and carpenter Gerry Inglis. Inglis was a well-known resident, who helped construct the Glen Williams Cenotaph, and aided in the restoration of the powder house in Limehouse Conservation Area. In addition to his work as a mason, Inglis was an avid hockey player, playing and coaching for the Georgetown Raiders. During his time as a coach, he led many teams to win multiple championships, with five of his higher-level players being drafted to the NHL. In recognition of his work, Inglis was inducted into the Halton Hills Sports Museum in 2011.



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The former Confederation Bridge in Glen Williams was also renamed “Inglis Bridge” to commemorate the Inglis family’s contributions to the community.

The property also has associations with the local Glen Williams quarry, the origin of the buildings stone. The stone construction reflects the importance of the quarrying industry to the village throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The local stone from the Glen Williams quarry was also used in the construction of many prominent buildings such as Toronto Old City Hall, Casa Loma, and Queen’s Park.

The Norton Cottage at 26 Wildwood Road has contextual value as a sturdy house built for a working-class family and finished with local dressed sandstone quarried from the Niagara Escarpment, north of the village. Glen Williams stone was used in the construction of buildings like Toronto Old City Hall, Casa Loma, and Queen’s Park. While difficult to see from the road because of tree growth, the house fits neatly into the side of the rock face, on a small plateau, commanding a view of the Credit Valley and the village.

Following research and evaluation according to Ontario Regulation 9/06, it has been determined that the property at 26 Wildwood Road 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 26 Wildwood Road that contribute to its physical and design value are identified as follows:

- The setback, placement, and orientation of the existing building along Wildwood Road in the community of Glen Williams, Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form and massing of two-storey building with a gambrel roof, multi-coloured cut stone, stucco, and half-timbering;
- The materials, including multi-coloured cut stone and cherry wood;
- The front (northeast) elevation, including:
  - Flatheaded window openings with stone sills and lintels;
  - Flatheaded entryway with stone sill and lintel;
  - Overhanging gambrel roof with three dormers, each containing a flatheaded window opening;
- The side (northwest) elevations, including:
  - Multi-coloured cut stone base at the first storey;
  - Flatheaded window openings with stone sills and lintels;
  - Central stone chimney extending above the roofline;
  - Stuccoed façade with half-timbering and flatheaded window openings at the second storey;
- The side (southeast) elevations, including:
  - Multi-coloured cut and field stone base at the first storey;
  - Flatheaded window opening with stone sill and lintel;
  - Flatheaded entryway with stone sill and lintel;
  - Stone chimney extending to the roofline;
  - Stuccoed façade with half-timbering and flatheaded window openings at the second storey;



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- The rear (southwest) elevation, including;
  - Flatheaded window openings with stone sills and lintels;
  - Overhanging gambrel roof with two dormers, each containing a flatheaded window opening;
- The interior, including:
  - Northwest stone fireplace with original stone mantelpiece;
  - Cherry wood milled beams; and,
  - The ground floor cherry wood window casements and frames.

The heritage attribute of the property at 26 Wildwood Road that contributes to its historical and associative value is identified as follows:

- The legibility of the property as a unique early-twentieth century example of vernacular residential building with Dutch Colonial Revival and Tudor Revival influences within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

The heritage attributes of the property at 26 Wildwood Road that contribute to its contextual value are identified as follows:

- The legibility of the property as a c.1942 example of a unique early-twentieth century example of vernacular residential building with Dutch Colonial Revival and Tudor Revival influences within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Wildwood Road in the community of Glen Williams, Town of Halton Hills; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing two-storey multi-coloured cut stone building with gambrel roof, and stone chimneys.

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 26 Wildwood Rd (refer to Report PD-2025-062) 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 December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 21st day of November 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.