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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 508 Main St., Regional Municipality of Halton.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 508 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:

The Williams Edge Tool Factory Building has physical and design value as a representative mid-nineteenth-century Georgian industrial-form building within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills. The existing two-storey frame building has retained its scale, form, and massing, its gable roof, symmetrical façade and graduated fenestration, with little ornamental elements or architectural design features which reflect its original use as an industrial building. A one-storey porch added to the front elevation of the former industrial building reflects its long use, since the 1860s, as a residential building.

The Williams Edge Tool Factory Building has significant historical and associative value due to its ties to the founding Williams family and to the early industrial development and entrepreneurial spirit of the area. Built for founder Benajah Williams' son Isaac, the existing building was constructed as part of Williams' industrial complex in 1848 as an edge tool factory and pump manufacturing facility; the construction of this frame building allowed Williams to construct the more costly triple-wythe brick building next door at 504 Main Street as a cabinet and chair factory.

Although the two-storey building at 508 Main Street was used for industrial purposes for only a short time, its long use as a residential building within the community of Glen Williams, and long-term ownership by members of the Williams family, cements its deep roots within the community of Glen Williams and within its industrial past.

The Williams Edge Tool Factory Building at 508 Main Street in Glen Williams has significant contextual value. In its original location to the west of the Credit River, adjacent to Williams' second industrial building at 504 Main Street at the gateway to the community of Glen Williams, the existing building and property are physically, visually, and historically linked to the surroundings.



Although originally constructed for industrial use, the building has significant links to its historical use as a residential building since the mid-to-late 19th century. Along with the other mid-19th century buildings along Main Street in this area, the Williams Edge Tool Factory Building is identified as a landmark within the community.

Following research and evaluation according to Ontario Regulation 9/06, it has been determined that the property at 508 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 508 Main Street that contribute to its physical and design value are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing Georgian industrial-form building along Main Street in the community of Glen Williams;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey frame building with side gable roof featuring returning eaves;
- The front (east) elevation, including:
 - At the first storey, the flatheaded entrance centered on the front elevation, and two symmetrically placed, paired flatheaded window openings on either side;
 - At the second storey, five flatheaded window openings symmetrically placed along the elevation;
- The side (north and south) elevations featuring no openings or fenestration.

The heritage attribute of the property at 508 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 mid-19th century, industrial-form Georgian building adaptively-reused for residential use within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.

The heritage attribute of the property at 508 Main Street that contributes to its contextual value is identified as follows:

- The legibility of the existing landmark building within the property as a mid-19th century, industrial-form Georgian building adaptively-reused for residential use within the community of Glen Williams in the Town of Halton Hills.
- The rear additions, rear elevation of the original two-storey building, and interiors were not investigated as part of this report.

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 508 Main St (refer to Report PD-2025-061) 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 December 21st, 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