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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 9059 Third Line, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the James Murray House.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 9059 Third Line 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 Boston Presbyterian Manse at 9059 Third Line is a unique, rare, and representative example of a late-nineteenth-century Victorian-era dwelling with Queen Anne Revival influences within the community of Scotch Block in the Town of Halton Hills. The c.1889 two-storey red-brick dwelling features design elements typical of the Queen Anne Revival style, including the steeply pitched roof, asymmetrical façade, two-storey bay, front facing gable peak, stacked brick chimneys, decorative brick banding, as well as the verandah with wooden radiating spindles, decorative brackets, architrave, and frieze.

The building also features elements that are common amongst Victorian-era buildings and are extant within various styles of the period, including the flatheaded window openings with jack arches, projecting plinth foundation, brick corbelling, limestone sills and stringcourse, and tall stacked brick chimneys. The decorative brick work, such as the brick corbels and banding, display a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit.

The Boston Presbyterian Manse at 9059 Third Line is associated with the nearby Boston Presbyterian Church, serving as a manse for ministers and their family for nearly 70 years. The Boston Presbyterian congregation was formed in 1820 and was created due to the large presence of Scottish immigrants in the area. At the annual congregational meeting on January 5, 1888, the congregation considered the building of a manse for the home of the next pastor. After approving the construction of a new manse, a building committee was appointed on September 21, 1888, and consisted of 15 members of the Church, including Archibald McGibbon, Robert Stewart, Thomas Aitken, Alexander Robertson, Abram Stark, John Sproat, James Murray, John. T. Elliot, Peter Campbell, William Hampshire, James Hume, John Stewart, John Michie, and John Hardy.



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Throughout the ownership of the Boston Church, the manse hosted several ministers and their families up until 1957, including Rev. James Milne, Rev. Gregory, Rev. Watts, Rev. Rose, and Rev. McDermott.

The Boston Presbyterian Manse at 9059 Third Line has contextual value as it is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the rural character of Scotch Block. The former manse is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings, and accommodated several ministers from the nearby Boston Presbyterian Church. Due to the setback of the house, and the vegetation partially obscuring the front and side elevations, the property has not been identified as a landmark.

Following research and evaluation according to Ontario Regulation 9/06, it has been determined that the property at 9059 Third Line 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 9059 Third Line are identified as follows:

- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey c.1889 Victorian-era Queen Anne Revival residential building with hipped-gable roof, projecting brick plinth foundation, and brick banding;
- The materials, including brick, stone, and wood;
- The front (southwest) elevation, including:
 - Two storey projecting bay, including:
 - Brick banding at the first and second storey;
 - Flatheaded window openings at the first and second storey with jack arches, hood moulds, and projecting limestone stringcourse sills; and,
 - Hipped roof;
 - Front gable peak with brick corbelling and banding directly beneath the roofline;
 - Flatheaded window opening with jack arch, hood mould, and stone sill;
 - L-shaped porch with decorative frieze and brackets;
 - Two flatheaded entryways;
- The side (southeast) elevation, including:
 - Flatheaded window openings jack arches, hood moulds, and stone sills;
 - Tall brick chimneys; and,
 - Brick corbelling.

The identified heritage attribute of the property at 9059 Third Line that contributes to its historical and associative value includes:

- The legibility of the Victorian-era Queen Anne Revival residential building along Third Line within the community of Scotch Block in the Town of Halton Hills.

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The identified heritage attributes of the property at 9059 Third Line that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the Victorian-era Queen Anne Revival residential building along Third Line within the community of Scotch Block in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The setback, location, and orientation of the c.1889 Boston Presbyterian Manse on the northeast side of Third Line in the community of Scotch Block; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey Victorian-era Queen Anne Revival residential 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 9059 Third Line (refer to Report PD-2025-063) 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.

