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BY-LAW NO. 2023-0112

A By-law to designate the Williams-Beaumont House, located at 514 Main Street, Glen Williams, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to designate real property, including all of the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS authority was granted by the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills to designate the property at 514 Main Street, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Williams-Beaumont House as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as the Williams-Beaumont House at 514 Main Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Municipality as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS on October 30, 2023, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2023-063, dated September 15, 2023, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the designation of the subject property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the Williams-Beaumont House located at 514 Main Street, and further described in Schedule "A", is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this By-law;
2. THAT a copy of this By-law together with reasons for the designation be registered against the property and served in accordance with Section 29 of the Act;
3. THAT a notice of this By-law be published in accordance with Section 29 of the Act.

BY-LAW read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this 11th day of December, 2023.


MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR


TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0112

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 2505800250

LT 50, RCP 1556, PART 1, 20R4767, EXCEPT PTS 1,2,3, 20R13445; HALTON HILLS;
T/W 548772

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0112

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The property at 514 Main Street is located along the northwest side of Main Street in Glen Williams. The property is an irregularly shaped parcel extending from Main Street to the Credit River at the rear. The property contains a brick residential building and a one-storey wooden barn towards the rear of the property with rubble stone foundation.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 514 Main Street has physical and design value as an excellent example of residential Gothic Revival architecture within the Town of Halton Hills. Notwithstanding minor alterations to the exterior of the building, the defining characteristics of the Williams-Beaumont House have been conserved since its construction in 1856. Elements contributing to the Gothic Revival style of the residential building include the scale, form and massing of the building, the lancet window beneath the central gable above the main entrance, vergeboard along the central gable, and dichromatic brick accents. Additionally, the barn at the rear of the property is an excellent example of a 19th-century bank barn.

The property at 514 Main Street has significant historical and associative value within the community of Glen Williams. The Williams-Beaumont House was constructed by Charles Williams, son of Benajah Williams who by 1833 had purchased the entire 400-acre parcel of land that became known as Glen Williams. Charles Williams, a leading figure in the community, was referred to as “Squire” Williams, and was a successful industrialist, Justice of the Peace, and postmaster. The original house on the subject property was a frame house built by Charles Williams, who later built the existing two-storey brick house for his son-in-law, miller, and later doctor, Moffit Forster. The property is also associated with the Beaumont family, as it was purchased by Joseph Beaumont in 1910. Joseph Beaumont was the son of Samuel Beaumont who established the Beaumont Woolen Mill. The house remained in the Beaumont family until 1999. The Williams-Beaumont House reflects the early prosperity of industrialists in Glen Williams and the predominance of the local Williams and Beaumont families in the community.

The property at 514 Main Street has contextual value as a significant landmark along Main Street to the east of the Credit River in the community of Glen Williams. The building has stood in this location since its construction in the mid-nineteenth century and has retained an extraordinary level of original features and architectural details. The hipped roof with central gable peak above the main entrance, vergeboard, dichromatic brick, lancet window beneath the central gable, along with the prominence of the building along Main Street, contribute to its historical, physical, functional, and visual links to the community of Glen Williams. The Williams-Beaumont House serves to define and maintain the historic character of the community as part of the historic streetscape of Main Street within the Glen.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 514 Main Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The location, setback, and orientation of the existing two-storey building along Main Street in Glen Williams;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey brick residential building with rear additions, including the hipped roof with bracketed eaves, and central projecting bay with centre gable;

- The materials, including dichromatic brick, stone sills, wooden shutters, wooden vergeboard, wooden finial and brackets;
- On the front (southeast) elevation:
 - o The central projecting bay with dichromatic brick, flat-headed entrance with sidelights, lancet window with stone sill, wooden shutters, and brick voussoirs;
 - o The central gable with wooden vergeboard and finial;
 - o Segmentally arched window openings at the first and second storeys on either side of the projecting bay, with stone sills, wooden shutters, brick voussoirs and detailing above;
 - o The buff brick quoining at the corners;
- On the side (southwest) elevation:
 - o Segmentally arched window openings at the first and second storeys on either side of the projecting bay, with stone sills, wooden shutters, brick voussoirs and detailing above;
 - o The buff brick quoining at the corners;
 - o Within the one-and-a-half storey rear addition, the segmentally arched window openings at the first storey with stone sill, wooden shutters, brick voussoirs and detailing above;
- On the side (northeast) elevation:
 - o Segmentally arched window openings at the first and second storeys on either side of the projecting bay, with stone sills, wooden shutters, brick voussoirs and detailing above;
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-and-a-half storey and one storey rear additions with brick exterior.
- At the rear of the property, the 19th century bank barn, including gable roof, stone foundation, exterior wood cladding and extant window and door openings.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 514 Main Street that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The property's legibility as a mid-nineteenth century residential building along Main Street in Glen Williams.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 514 Main Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The property's legibility as a mid-nineteenth century residential building along Main Street in Glen Williams;
- The location, setback, and orientation of the existing two-storey building along Main Street in Glen Williams; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-storey brick residential building with rear additions.