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September 19, 2024

Attn. Provincial Heritage Registrar
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

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Re: Notification of Intent to Designate, through Passage of a By-law, 29 Bower Street, Acton, legally described as "PT LTS 173 & 174, PL 227, AS IN H710861; HALTON HILLS", and known as the United Church Parsonage, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

This letter is to advise you that Notice of Intention to Designate the above property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act was served on the property owner(s), via email, on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

The Notice of Intention to Designate 29 Bower Street, Acton, will be posted on the various Town sites Thursday, September 26, 2024. A copy of the attached proof for the notice was forwarded to the property owner(s) on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Sincerely,



Laura Loney
Manager of Heritage Planning
Planning and Development

UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

Notice of Intention to Designate



SEPTEMBER 26, 2024



IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in the Town of Halton Hills known municipally as 29 Bower Street, Acton, legally described as "PT LTS 173 & 174, PL 227, AS IN H710861; HALTON HILLS", Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the United Church Parsonage.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 29 Bower Street, Acton 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 property at 29 Bower Street has historical and associative value due to its associations with the Henderson family, and the United Church of Acton with its origins in the Methodist congregation in Acton established by Reverends Ezra and Zenas Adams. MP David Henderson created this property and two other lots from land that was originally owned part of the Adams' farm property. The existing home was built for Henderson's son, Charles C. Henderson, an important local merchant and businessman within the community. The property was later used as the parsonage for the Acton United Church between 1928 and 1973, and was a significant community hub for social events and meetings over these years. The parsonage was the third for the Acton United Church, which had its roots in the Methodist congregation established in the early 19th century in Acton by Reverends Ezra and Zenas Adams. The property is also associated with prominent local builder J.B. Mackenzie who supplied much of the mill work for the home.

The property at 29 Bower Street has significant contextual value as an early-twentieth-century Edwardian residential building with Arts and Crafts influences at the corner of Bower Street and Willow Street North in the community of Acton. Together with the neighbouring properties along Willow Street North and Bower Street, the existing building helps to define and maintain the late-nineteenth century and early-twentieth century development of this residential neighbourhood on the periphery of Acton's historic downtown. The property and existing residence are physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings in the community and has maintained its significant presence along the streetscape as captured in historical photography. The property is similar in scale and materials to the neighbouring properties and has not been identified as a landmark in the area.

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The heritage attributes of the property at 29 Bower Street are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing early-twentieth-century residential building at the corner of Bower Street and Willow Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-and-a-half storey building with hipped roof featuring gable-roofed dormers, bracketed eaves, and brick chimneys, and a stone foundation;
- The materials, including the red brick exterior and architectural detailing, wooden windows, stone sills and lintels, and stone foundation;
- The front (southeast) elevation, including:
 - At the first storey:
 - The covered wooden porch featuring stone piers, stone steps, and paired Corinthian columns;
 - The central flatheaded entrance with stone sills;
 - The large flatheaded window openings on either side of the entrance featuring wooden windows with multiple divisions and leaded glass surrounding a large single pane, with stone lintels and sills;
 - At the second storey:
 - The central window opening featuring a wooden window with multi-divided lites and leaded windows on each side with a similar large single pane within the opening;
 - The flatheaded window openings located on either side of the central window featuring wooden windows with multi-divided lites above a large single pane, both with stone lintels and sills.
 - The paired gable-roofed dormers within the roofline above;
- The side (northeast) elevation, including:
 - The brick chimney extant below the roofline;
 - The flatheaded window openings throughout, featuring wooden windows with multi-divided lites and leaded glass, all with stone sills and lintels;
- The side (southwest) elevation, including:
 - The brick chimney featuring recessed panels at the first and second storeys; and,
 - The flatheaded window openings featuring wooden windows with multi-divided lites and leaded glass, all with stone sills and lintels.

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

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Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 29 Bower Street, Acton (refer to Report PD-2024-056) 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 October 26, 2024 (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 26th day of September 2024.

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.