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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, 35 Bower Street, Acton, legally described as "PT LTS 173 & 174, PL 227, ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098; PT LT 262, MUP 1098, AS IN 674304; HALTON HILLS", and known as Clark House, 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 courier, on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

The Notice of Intention to Designate 35 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 couriered to the property owner(s) on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

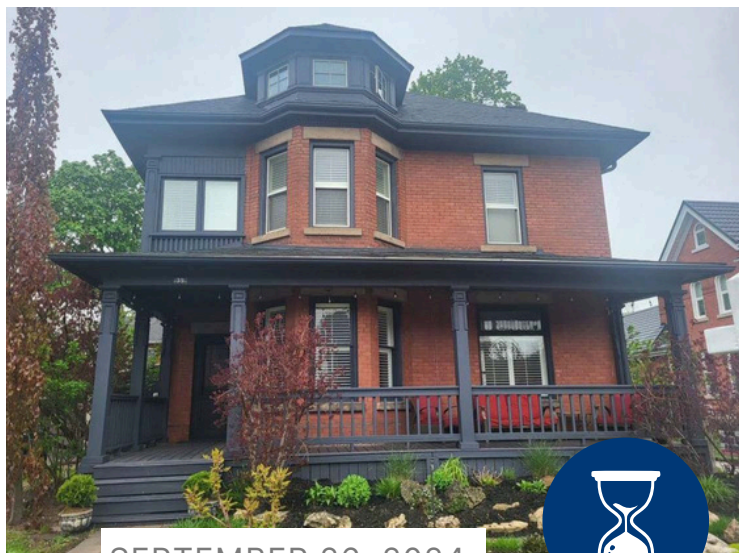
Sincerely,



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 35 Bower Street, Acton, legally described as "PT LTS 173 & 174, PL 227, ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098; PT LT 262, MUP 1098, AS IN 674304; HALTON HILLS", Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as Clark House.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 35 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 35 Bower Street has physical and design value as a representative example of an Edwardian residential building with an unusual two-storey projecting bay with pyramidal roof dormer in the community of Acton within the Town of Halton Hills. The Clark House at 35 Bower Street exhibits those features that are characteristic of Edwardian Classicism in residential buildings, including its balanced façade, large, hipped roof, smooth brick exterior, generous front porch, and many flatheaded window openings with stone sills. Although the two-storey projecting bay with dormer are not typical of the style, the flatheaded window openings and lack of additional fenestration on the bay are in keeping with the restrained character of the style.

The property at 35 Bower Street has historical and associative value due to its associations with the Henderson family, and for its long-term ownership by the Clark and Gould families. 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 the Clark family who is associated with late nineteenth-century and early-twentieth-century ownership of the Acton Hotel, then known as the Clark House, an establishment with origins that date back to 1843. Following the death of her husband Gelard Clark, Margaret remarried and lived with her second husband William J. Gould at the subject property. Gould was one of Acton's best-known citizens and a veteran of two wars, working at Beardmore & CO. for several years and the first president of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion. Margaret's son Clifton Boyd was a prominent local banker and spent many weekends at the home that would become his sister Ruby's for many years until it was sold in 1979 to its new owners.



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The property at 35 Bower Street has significant contextual value as an early-twentieth-century Edwardian residential building along Bower Street 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.

The heritage attributes of the property at 35 Bower Street are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the early 20th-century residential building along Bower Street 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 with brick chimney and stone foundation;
- The materials, including the red brick exterior and architectural detailing, stone sills, and stone foundation;
- The front (southeast) elevation, including:
 - The recessed flatheaded entrance with stone lintel;
 - Flatheaded window openings with stone sills and lintels at the first and second storeys;
 - Covered painted wooden porch stretching along the entire elevation with simple squared columns;
 - The two-storey brick bay with flatheaded window openings with stone sills and lintels;
 - Above the roofline, the dormer with pyramidal roof and narrow window openings;
- The side (northeast) elevation, including:
 - Flatheaded window openings with stone sills and lintels
 - Brick chimney extending along the first and second storeys and above the roofline; and,
- The side (southwest) elevation, including flatheaded window openings with stone sills and lintels at the first and second storeys.

The rear elevation, rear addition, 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 35 Bower Street, Acton (refer to Report PD-2024-057) 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.