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October 10, 2024

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

**RECEIVED**  
2024/10/11  
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Ontario Heritage Trust

Re: Notification of Intent to Designate, through Passage of a By-law, 39 Willow Street North, Acton, legally described as "LT 73, PL 227, ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098; HALTON HILLS", and known as Knox Presbyterian Manse under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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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) on Wednesday, October 8, 2024.

The Notice of Intention to Designate 39 Willow Street North will be posted on the various Town sites Thursday, October 17, 2024. A copy of the attached proof for the notice was forwarded to the property owner(s) on Wednesday, October 8, 2024.

Sincerely,



Laura Loney  
Manager of Heritage Planning  
Planning and Development

# UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

## Notice of Intention to Designate



OCTOBER 17, 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 39 Willow Street North, Acton, legally described as "LT 73, PL 227, ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098; HALTON HILLS", Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as Knox Presbyterian Manse.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 39 Willow Street North 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 39 Willow Street North has historical and associative value due to its over 100 years of use as a manse for the Presbyterian Church in Acton. Reflecting the growth of the early Presbyterian congregation in Acton, the church constructed its second manse at the subject property under the minister at the time, Reverend J.W. Rae. Over the years, the property was a frequent site for social activities, parties, church events, and local marriages. The existing building served as a manse for almost 100 years for the Presbyterian church until it was sold in the late 1980s.

The property at 39 Willow Street North has significant contextual value as late nineteenth-century Queen Anne Revival residential building at the corner of Bower Street and Willow Street North in the community of Acton. Together with the neighbouring properties along 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 39 Willow Street North are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing late 19th-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 multi-sloped roof with brick chimney, modest brick plinth slightly projecting above the stone foundation, and stone foundation;



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- The materials, including the red brick exterior and architectural detailing, stone sills, and stone foundation;
- The front (southeast) elevation, including:
  - The two-storey bay with three flat-headed window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills, and decorative brick string courses, at the first and second storey;
  - Brick string courses with horizontal and vertical brick patterns between each brick band at the first and second storey;
  - Brick brackets under the window openings along the first storey;
  - Gable peak with decorative wooden bargeboard and wooden brackets beneath;
  - Inset decorative brickwork featuring angled bricks beneath the windows at the second storey, and the gable peak;
  - One-storey wooden porch with classical pediment along the southeast and southwest elevations, with plain wooden columns, wooden dentils beneath the porch eaves, brick pier supports and plain wooden balusters;
  - Front entryway with sidelights and transom;
- The side (northeast) elevation, including:
  - Flat-headed window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills at the first and second storeys;
  - Brick string courses with horizontal and vertical brick patterns between each brick band at the first and second storey;
- The side (southwest) elevation, including:
  - Flat-headed window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills at the first and second storeys;
  - Two brick chimneys projecting above the roofline.

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 39 Willow Street North (refer to Report PD-2024-059) 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](mailto:lloney@haltonhills.ca)

Any person may, by November 16, 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 17th day of October 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.

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