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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, 41 Bower Street, Acton, legally described as "PT LT 262, MUP 1098, AS IN 680689; TOWN OF HALTON HILLS", and known as the Henderson-Mason 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), by email, on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

The Notice of Intention to Designate 41 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 41 Bower Street, Acton, legally described as "PT LT 262, MUP 1098, AS IN 680689; TOWN OF HALTON HILLS", Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Henderson-Mason House.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 41 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 41 Bower Street has historical and associative value due to its associations with several significant owners throughout the years including the Honourable David Henderson, Jeremiah Bell, Amos Mason, and Robert Algie. This property is one of three lots purchased by David Henderson from the land part of the original Adams farmstead. Henderson was a prominent local businessman, bank owner, and later significant politician and member of the King's Privy Council of Canada. In addition to Henderson, the property has other significant local community and political connections. Local carpenter Jeremiah Bell owned the property between 1911 and 1923 and served as a local councillor in Acton. Prominent local businessman Amos Mason owned the property between the 1920s and 1960; Mason established the Mason Knitting Company, a significant local employer which later relocated to the former Beardmore warehouse known as the Hide House in 1938. Like Henderson, Mason was significantly involved in the community, serving with many different community groups and organizations. Mason was also a member of Council and became Acton's first mayor in 1950. In 1958, Mason was awarded Citizen of the Year by the local Chamber of Commerce for his work as a civic and community leader. Later in the 20th century, the property was owned by Robert Algie, who also served the community as part of Knox Presbyterian Church and as attendance officer for the local schools.

The property at 41 Bower Street has significant contextual value as the existing Victorian building, together with the neighbouring properties at the corner of Bower Street and Willow Street North in the community of Acton, help 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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Following research and evaluation according to Ontario Regulation 9/06, it has been determined that the property at 41 Bower Street 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 41 Bower Street 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 Victorian building with Queen Anne Revival influences, featuring a 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 segmentally arched and round arched window openings with brick hood moulds centered beneath the front gable;
- The side (northeast) elevation, including segmentally arched and round arched window openings with brick hood moulds and small window opening centered beneath the gable at the upper storey; and,
- The side (southwest) elevation, including the paired segmentally arched windows (first storey) and rounded arched windows (second storey) featuring brick hood moulds and stone sills, and round arched window centered beneath the gable peak.

The rear elevation, rear addition, two-storey sunroom, and interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes as part of this report.

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 41 Bower Street, Acton (refer to Report PD-2024-058) 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.

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