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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c.O. 18, as amended,  
AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands and premises at the following municipal address in  
the Province of Ontario.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton intends to designate the property at the following municipal address as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O. 18, as amended.

**Municipal Address: 16 James Street, Milton, Part Lots 36 and 38, Block 4, Martin Survey, Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton.**

### REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

There were at one time, five or six blacksmith shops serving the needs of the people of Milton and the surrounding area. The Waldie Blacksmith Shop is the only one remaining. It has historical value as having been in the commercial heart of Milton since at least 1865 and being one of a very small number working blacksmith shops in Ontario that still remains in its original urban location and not having been moved to a museum. It also has contextual value as being physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to downtown Milton for over 150 years.

Part of its structure dates from around 1821, however most was built c.1865 and further alterations and additions were made in the early twentieth century. It was originally situated at the north west corner of the intersection of Main and James Streets, however following a legal dispute in 1867 the building was cut in two and moved to its current location on James Street. It has been used continuously as a blacksmith shop by three generations of the Waldie family from 1865 until it closed in 1969. The building then fell into disrepair. In 1999 a group of volunteers, recognizing its historical significance, began to renovate and restore the building. It re-opened in 2002 providing space for the Milton Historical Society and a fully functioning blacksmith shop that is used for educational and training purposes and as a living museum.

The Waldie Blacksmith Shop is a simple, single storey building with a low pitched gable roof. The main part of the building is a post and beam timber structure with rubble stone infill walls that was built by James Waldie c.1865 and extensively renovated in the early 2000's. At that time a rear addition was added replacing the c.1910 carriage shop. The building has design value as a representative example of a mid nineteenth century blacksmith shop.

The Waldie Blacksmith Shop has been owned by four generations of the Waldie family, three of whom were working blacksmiths who passed the business down from father to son. The building has direct associations with the Waldie family who have been prominent members of the local community for well over 100 years with various family members serving on many local boards and community organizations.

### Heritage Attributes:

- The single storey post and beam structure of the blacksmith shop building with a rubble stone wall section
- Low pitched roof
- Window and door openings.
- Brick rear wall to blacksmith shop
- Two brick chimneys
- Two blacksmith forges

Note: The rear one and a half storey part of the building is not included in the reasons for designation.

ANY PERSON MAY, within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Milton, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received by June 29, 2015, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED AT MILTON this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

Troy McHarg, Town Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Milton  
150 Mary Street  
Milton, Ontario, L9T 6Z5