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Ontario Heritage Trust  
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Melrose Investments Inc.  
145 Reynolds Street, Suite 400  
Oakville, ON  
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Dear Sirs and/or Madames:

**Subject: Notice of Heritage Designation**  
**293 Church Street, Oakville, Ontario**

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Attached please find the Notice of Heritage Designation together with By-law 2011-062 with respect to the heritage designation of 293 Church Street, Oakville, Ontario which is served upon you in accordance with section 29(6) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.18.

Sincerely,



Kelly-Anne Lanaus  
Legislative Coordinator

Encls.

c.c. C. Best, Town Clerk  
D. Anderson, Director of Planning Services  
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S. Hannah, Senior Manager of Planning Services  
C. Van Sligtenhorst, Heritage Planner



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2011-062

A by-law to designate the Thomas A. Blakelock  
House at 293 Church Street as a property of  
historical, architectural and/or contextual significance.

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**WHEREAS** the municipal council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

293 Church Street  
Oakville, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Thomas A. Blakelock House at 293 Church Street and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in the Oakville Beaver, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** an objection to the proposed designation which was served on the municipality has been withdrawn;

**AND WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and form part of this By-law;

**COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

Thomas A. Blakelock House  
293 Church Street  
Town of Oakville  
The Regional Municipality of Halton



2. THAT the Town solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto at the Land Registry Office.

PASSED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'R' followed by a stylized 'B' and a long horizontal stroke.

Rob Burton

MAYOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large 'P' and 'B' intertwined, with a long horizontal stroke.

Phil Bouillon

CLERK



**SCHEDULE "A" TO  
BY-LAW 2011-062**

In the Town of Oakville in the Regional Municipality of Halton, property description as follows:

Thomas A. Blakelock House  
Part of Lots D and E, Block 25, Plan 1, designated as Part 2 on Plan 20R-  
18920  
Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton

**SCHEDULE "B" TO  
BY-LAW 2011-062**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Description of Property – Thomas A. Blakelock House, 293 Church Street

The Thomas A. Blakelock House is a brick house located on the north side of Church Street between Trafalgar Road and Reynolds Street.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

*Design Value or Physical Value*

The house at 293 Church Street is a representative example of a 2 ½ storey Edwardian brick house with influences from the Queen Anne architectural style. These architectural styles are evident in the square form of the house with its hip roof, front gable and projecting bay windows. Architectural details include wood dentils and shingles in the front dormer, wood windows and doors, and stone sills. The house is clad in red pressed brick and the foundation is covered in vermiculated concrete block, typical of the era and architectural style.

*Historical Value or Associative Value*

The subject house has historical value for its associations with Thomas Aston Blakelock, whose construction company built the house. Built c.1911, the house was constructed as a home for Blakelock and his family. After Blakelock's family sold the house in 1964, it was converted for office use and a one storey front addition was constructed to replace the original front porch.

In addition to being a prominent businessman, Thomas A. Blakelock worked for 40 years in public service as Mayor of Oakville, as a Member of the Provincial Legislature for Halton, and as Warden of Halton County. The Blakelock Brothers, Contractors and Builders Company built more than 400 buildings in Oakville, including the subject house which was one of the first houses built by the company.

*Contextual Value*

The house at 293 Church Street is contextually significant as it helps to define and maintain the historic character of this section of the downtown. The area is comprised of adapted former residential buildings whose historical occupants were



closely associated with nearby commercial and industrial enterprises, such as the former Blakelock Lumber Mill and the William Whitaker and Sons Carriage Works.

The building at 293 Church Street is of a similar scale and vintage as other historic early 20<sup>th</sup> century structures in the vicinity of the intersection of Trafalgar Road and Church Street.

#### Description of Heritage Attributes

The Reasons for Designation include the following heritage attributes. These attributes apply to all elevations and the roof of the original brick portion of the house, together with construction materials of brick, concrete and wood, and their related building techniques.

#### **Exterior Elements:**

- The 2 ½ storey form and structure of the original brick portion of the house;
- The form of the hip roof with front gable and rear dormer;
- Projecting bays on the first storey of the west and south elevations;
- Red pressed brick cladding, including the design of the red brick voussoirs above the window and door openings;
- Red brick chimney on the west elevation;
- Vermiculated concrete block cladding on foundation;
- Placement of the doors and windows on the north, east, south and west elevations of the original brick portion of the house except for the one-pane window on the second floor of the east elevation;
- Stone sills;
- Remaining wood doors and wood window trim;
- Remaining wood windows and wood window trim;
- Wood dentils in front gable;
- Wood shingles in front gable; and
- Remaining wood trim and soffits.



### **Explanatory Note**

Re: Heritage Designation By-law No. 2011-062

By-law No. 2011-062 has the following purpose and effect:

To designate the Thomas A. Blakelock House located on the property 293 Church Street as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29.

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## **NOTICE OF HERITAGE DESIGNATION**

**Thomas A. Blakelock House  
293 Church Street**

**TAKE NOTICE** that Oakville Town Council, on June 13, 2011, resolved to pass By-law 2011-062 to designate the property at 293 Church Street described as Part of Lots D and E, Block 25, Plan 1, designated as Part 2 on Plan 20R-18920, Oakville under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

### **Cultural Heritage Value and Interest:**

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**MORE INFORMATION:** Any inquiries may be directed to Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst, heritage planner at 905-845-6601, extension 3875 or by email at [cvansligtenhorst@oakville.ca](mailto:cvansligtenhorst@oakville.ca)

**Cathie Best, Town Clerk**