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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in the Town of Halton Hills known municipally as 8 Albert Street, legally described as "LT 72 SAS, PL 37; HALTON HILLS", Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Gibbons-Ross House.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the property at 8 Albert Street, Georgetown 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 8 Albert Street has physical and design value as it is a representative example of an early twentieth-century residential building in the Edwardian architectural style. The two-storey residential building features a hipped roof, central dormer along the front elevation, smooth red brick façade and tall brick chimney, an American Four-Square layout, as well as a covered porch with white painted half wood columns with brick bases, which are elements and characteristics typical to the Edwardian style.

The property has historical and associative value, due to its associations John Joseph Gibbons. Gibbons was a local business owner, and long-term politician in Georgetown, serving as a Councillor from 1931-1934, before being elected as mayor for three terms from 1934-1943, 1947-1949, and 1964-1968. Gibbons also served as a member of the Hydro Commission, the Board of Police Commissioners, and the Hospital Association, along with having membership with the Lions Club and Lawn Bowling Club. The property also has associations with the William James Ross, who worked as a railway switchman for the Canadian Pacific Railway and was a member of the local Knox Presbyterian Church.

The property is also associated with Glen Textiles Industries Ltd., a textile company formerly located in the Barraclough Mills in Glen Williams during the mid-nineteenth century. During WWII, Glen Textiles played a key role in the war effort and was a supplier of cloth and blankets for troops and civilians in Britain, France, Belgium, Norway, and Holland. The property also has historical and associative value due to its associations with the development of Albert Street following the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway Station. During this time, the surrounding area experienced significant residential development and growth.

The property at 8 Albert Street has contextual value as it is important in defining and maintaining the late-nineteenth and early twentieth-century character of Albert Street,



surrounding the former Grand Trunk Railway Station in Georgetown. The property remains physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings as a residential building along Albert Street. The property is relative in scale and design to neighbouring properties and has not been identified as a landmark in the community.

The heritage attributes of the property at 8 Albert Street are identified as follows:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Albert Street in Georgetown;
- The scale, form, and massing of the existing c.1920s, two-storey Edwardian residential building with hipped roof, brick chimneys, and stone foundation;
- The materials, including smooth red brick, wood, and stone;
- The front (northwest) elevation, including:
  - o The covered wooden porch with square half wooden columns and plain eave detailing, brick podiums;
  - o Segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills at the first and second storey;
  - o Dormer located at the second storey with hipped roof and flatheaded window opening; and,
- The side (southwest and northwest) elevations, including:
  - o Segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills at the first and second storey.

The rear addition and interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes.

Further information respecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and proposed designation of 8 Albert Street, Georgetown (refer to Report PD-2024-078) 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 January 12, 2025 (within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice) serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation with Laura Loney together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 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.

