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BY-LAW NO. 2023-0114

A By-law to designate the Glen Methodist Church, located at 533 Main Street, Glen Williams, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to designate real property, including all of the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS authority was granted by the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills to designate the property at 533 Main Street, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and known as the Glen Methodist Church as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as the Glen Methodist Church at 533 Main Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Municipality as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS on October 30, 2023, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2023-048, dated June 22, 2023, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the designation of the subject property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the Glen Methodist Church located at 533 Main Street, and further described in Schedule "A", is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this By-law;
2. THAT a copy of this By-law together with reasons for the designation be registered against the property and served in accordance with Section 29 of the Act;
3. THAT a notice of this By-law be published in accordance with Section 29 of the Act.

BY-LAW read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this 11th day of December, 2023.


MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR


TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0114

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN: 250580047

LT 58, RCP 1556; HALTON HILLS

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2023-0114

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The Glen Methodist Church is located at 533 Main Street, Glen Williams, Halton Hills, and is a rectangular village lot situated on the east side of Main Street, between Prince Street and the Credit River Williams Bridge. The property contains a two-storey Gothic Revival frame Methodist Church built in 1840 and bricked over in 1903.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Glen Methodist Church at 533 Main Street has physical and design value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century Gothic Revival church. Constructed originally as a simple frame church in 1840, sympathetic alterations to clad the structure in brick in the early 20th century retained its original rectangular form and contributed to its Gothic Revival aesthetic, including its gable roof, single-step raised chancel, lancet, or Gothic-arched, windows and decorative buttresses, all elements characteristic of Ontario Gothic Revival churches.

The Glen Methodist Church at 533 Main Street has historical and associative value as it is directly associated with the establishment and evolution of the Episcopal Methodist Church, and later United Church, within the Province, as well as the associative value with the religious community within Glen Williams for over 80 years. The property, and in particular the church building, demonstrate the historical significance of religious institutions as community hubs within hamlets like Glen Williams, while also reflecting the investments, alterations and improvements that are typically made in such institutions by their congregations over the lifetime of the church.

The Glen Methodist Church at 533 Main Street has contextual value as a landmark along Main Street in Glen Williams since its construction almost two hundred years ago. Located along a largely unaltered streetscape of nineteenth-century buildings, the former church building helps to define, maintain, and support the historic character of Glen Williams and is, in its original location, physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 533 Main Street that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, placement, and orientation of the mid-nineteenth century Gothic Revival Glen Methodist Church along Main Street in Glen Williams;
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-storey brick-clad frame structure with gable roof;
- Materials throughout, including red brick cladding and detailing, stone foundations, stone sills, and lintels;
- On the front (west) elevation,
 - o The one-storey brick-clad vestibule with gable roof, raised central Gothic-arched entrance with stained glass transom, and brick hood mould;
 - o Symmetrically-placed lancet window openings on either side of the main entrance with brick hood moulds;
 - o Brick buttresses at the corner of the front and side elevations; and
 - o Centered above the front elevation, the commemorative stone reading “Glen Methodist Church A.D. 1837 & 1902”; and,
- On the side (north and south) elevations:

- Four symmetrically placed lancet window openings with brick buttresses between, above flat-headed window openings at the basement level with stone lintels within the stone foundation.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 533 Main Street that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The property's legibility as a mid-nineteenth century church along Main Street in Glen Williams.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 533 Main Street that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The property's legibility as a mid-nineteenth century church along Main Street in Glen Williams.
- The setback, placement, and orientation of the mid-nineteenth century Gothic Revival Glen Methodist Church along Main Street in Glen Williams;
- The scale, form, and massing of the one-storey brick-clad frame structure with gable roof.

The 1960s addition and interiors of the existing church building have not been identified as part of this report.