



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

### BY-LAW NUMBER 2022-095

A by-law to designate the Former Palermo Methodist Church Parsonage at 3017 Old Bronte Road as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 29, 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 property described in Schedule A to this By-law ("the Property") contains the cultural heritage resource known as the Former Palermo Methodist Church Parsonage ("the Parsonage");

**WHEREAS** the council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville, by resolution passed on June 7, 2022, has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises at 3017 Old Bronte Road, Oakville, ON and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Parsonage at 3017 Old Bronte Road as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, and further, has caused the notice of intention to be published in the Oakville Beaver, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

**WHEREAS** no objection to the proposed designation was served on the municipality by July 25, 2022, being the last date for filing an objection;

**WHEREAS** the Town Council has described the Property, set out the statement of cultural heritage value or interest for the Property, and described the heritage attributes of the Property in Schedule "B" to this By-law, which forms part of this By-law;

### **COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the real property legally described in Schedule "A" to this By-law, is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
2. That the attached Schedules form part of the By-law.

3. And that the Town Solicitor be authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" at the Land Registry Office.

PASSED this 8th day of August, 2022

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MAYOR

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CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO  
BY-LAW 2022-095

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

Former Palermo Methodist Church Parsonage  
3017 Old Bronte Road, Oakville  
PT LT 30, CON 1 TRAFALGAR, NORTH OF DUNDAS STREET, AS IN  
667332; TOWN OF OAKVILLE

PIN: 24928-0113

SCHEDULE "B" TO  
BY-LAW 2022-095

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Description of Property

The Former Methodist Church Parsonage is located on the east side of Old Bronte Road, north of Dundas Street West in the historic village of Palermo in Oakville. The property contains an early 19<sup>th</sup> century settlers' cabin that was added to and renovated throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

*Design and Physical Value*

The Former Palermo Methodist Church Parsonage is a rare remaining example of an early 19<sup>th</sup> century settlers' cabin that was added to and modified into a late 19<sup>th</sup> century Gothic Revival style home. The c.1819 cabin displays craftsmanship in its original timber frame construction and remains one of very few known frame or log cabins built in the first two decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Oakville. The building also has cultural heritage value for the 19<sup>th</sup> century front wing that was added and converted into a Gothic Revival style home, likely when the Palermo Methodist Church began using it as their parsonage. The Victorian Gothic style was increasingly popular in Ontario around this time and the subject house is a unique and representative example of this eclectic and often exaggerated style with its steep roof, front gable and fanciful vergeboard.

*Historical and Associative Value*

The property has direct associations with the historic village of Palermo, the oldest European settlement in present-day Oakville. Palermo was a significant stop along Dundas Street, the main route between Toronto and Hamilton, and the larger rural community depended on the village for its stagecoach stop, post office, inn, stores, schools, and of course, its churches. The subject property has strong associations with the Palermo Methodist Church, now the Palermo United Church, that continues to remain a significant organization in the community today. Used as the parsonage for almost four decades, the building was not only home to the pastors and their families, but also served as an administrative office for the church. Many of the church events and meetings would have been planned or held in the parsonage.

The property helps contribute to our understanding of the development of both the village of Palermo and the Palermo United Church.

### *Contextual Value*

The Former Methodist Church Parsonage defines, maintains and supports the historic small-town character of the village of Palermo. The settlers' cabin, including its location and orientation to Dundas Street, provides a significant link to the village's early history of European settlement that took place along early routes like Dundas Street. The later front addition and Gothic Revival style renovations help tell the story of the evolution of the village from a sparse, early 19<sup>th</sup> century settlement to a busy and thriving village in the later 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The one- and two-storey house contributes to the historic low-scale character and street wall of the historic village area. The property is physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings that have heritage value as a historic village that has evolved over two centuries.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the property at 3017 Old Bronte Road that exemplify its value as a rare remaining example of an early 19<sup>th</sup> century settler's cabin associated with the early development of Palermo include the following, as they relate to the one-storey easterly portion of the overall parsonage building:

- The footprint and one-storey walls of the original one-storey cabin;
- The presence of an open porch on the south elevation;
- The presence of a central front door on the south wall of the original cabin;
- Historic wood cladding; and
- The existing orientation facing Dundas Street.

Key attributes of the property at 3017 Old Bronte Road that exemplify its value as a representative example of a Gothic Revival style house associated with the Palermo United Church and with the development of Palermo, include the following, as they relate to the two-storey westerly portion of the overall parsonage building:

- The footprint and form, including its steep roof with front gable;
- Historic horizontal wood siding;
- Historic wood soffit, vergeboard and finials;
- Fenestration of the windows and door on the north, south and west elevations;
- Four sets of historic multipaned wood casement windows on the first floor, including wood window trim;

- Two 2/2 wood windows on the second storey of the south elevation, including wood window trim;
- The covered arched vent above the window in the front gable;
- Historic wood door surround of front door, including any covered historic sidelights and panelling; and
- The existing orientation facing Old Bronte Road.