

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2023-122

A by-law to designate the Dr. John A. Johnstone House at 3048 Trafalgar 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 Dr. John A. Johnstone House;

WHEREAS the council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville, by resolution passed on July 10, 2023, has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises at 3048 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Dr. John A. Johnstone House at 3048 Trafalgar Road as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, and further, has caused the notice of intention to be published on the town’s website in accordance with the town’s *Ontario Heritage Act* Alternative Notice Policy;

WHEREAS a Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate was served on the town within the timeline set out in the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

WHEREAS the Town Council considered the Notice of Intention to Designate and made the decision not to withdraw the Notice of Intention to Designate within the timeline set out in the *Ontario Heritage Act* and passed this Designation By-law 2023-122 for the Property;

AND 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 11th day of September, 2023

MAYOR

CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO
BY-LAW 2023-122

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

Dr. John A. Johnstone House
3048 Trafalgar Road
PT LT 13, CON 1 TRAFALGAR, NORTH OF DUNDAS STREET, AS IN
604333

PIN: 24929-0104

SCHEDULE "B" TO
BY-LAW 2023-122

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Description of Property

The subject property is located at 3048 Trafalgar Road on the west side of Trafalgar Road, north of Dundas Street East. The property contains a circa 1890s frame house built in the Queen Anne style, known as the Dr. John A. Johnstone House.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design and Physical Value

The Dr. John A. Johnstone House building has design and physical value as a representative example of a late 19th century Queen Anne style residential structure. Constructed sometime in the 1890s, the house has an asymmetrical and eclectic design, typical of the style. Built on a lakestone foundation, the house is clad in horizontal wood siding and contains a number of design elements reflective of the Queen Anne style, including: the first storey bump-out with a rounded window; segmentally-arched windows throughout; the projecting second storey underlined by a bracketed frieze; decorative half-cove (or a close approximation of) shingles in the third storey gable; exposed eaves; and matching sets of decorative corbels on the second storey corners.

Historical and Associative Value

The Dr. John A. Johnstone House building has historical value because of its direct associations with Dr. John A. Johnstone, a well-known veterinary surgeon who practiced in Halton County for over 50 years. Dr. Johnstone was also the veterinary inspector for Halton County for 30 years and was the first Deputy Reeve of Trafalgar Township. John and his wife Catherine raised six children in the subject house. The property also has historical associations with the former village of Trafalgar, also known as Post's Corners and Postville. The Dr. John A. Johnstone House was located right in the heart of the village and would have been a well-known and often-visited landmark in the area.

Contextual Value

The Dr. John A. Johnstone House building has contextual value because it is physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings. The building is one of the only remaining structures from the former village of Post's Corners/Postville/Trafalgar. The house has cultural heritage value as a reminder of village life and of the agricultural and settler history of Trafalgar Township.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the Dr. John A. Johnstone House that exemplify its value as a representative example of a Queen Anne style house include the following:

- The footprint and form of the two and two-and-a-half storey building, including its gable roof with jerkinhead gable, hip roof, and projecting second storey and first storey bay window on the front elevation;
- Horizontal wood cladding with wood corner board trim;
- Decorative half-cove style cedar shingle cladding in front gable;
- Exposed eaves in front gable;
- Wood soffit and fascia throughout the house;
- Wood corbels on second storey;
- Bracketed friezes on the south and east elevations;
- Historic fenestration of the windows and doors on the north, east, south and west elevations;
- Segmentally-shaped window openings and wood window opening trim;
- Historic wood front door on east elevation;
- Lakestone foundation above grade; and
- The orientation of the building towards Trafalgar Road.