



OAKVILLE

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-024

A by-law to designate Holyrood Park at 24 Holyrood Avenue 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 Holyrood Park;

WHEREAS the council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville, by resolution passed on January 22, 2024, has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises at 24 Holyrood Avenue, Oakville, ON and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate Holyrood Park at 24 Holyrood Avenue 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 no objection to the proposed designation was served on the municipality by February 23, 2024, being the last date for filing an objection;

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 18th day of March, 2024

MAYOR

CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO
BY-LAW 2024-024

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

Holyrood Park
24 Holyrood Avenue
PLAN 513 BLK A; TOWN OF OAKVILLE

SCHEDULE “B” TO
BY-LAW 2024-024

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

Description of Property

The property at 24 Holyrood Avenue is located on the southwest corner of Holyrood Avenue, south of Lakeshore Road West. The property is a town-owned park known as Holyrood Park and contains two stone pillars built circa late 1800s to the early 1900s as part of the former Holyrood Estate.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design and Physical Value

The Holyrood Park gate pillars are a representative example of early 1900s estate gate pillars that formed part of an impressive and regal entrance to a large wealthy estate. Designed specifically for the Stuart family, the stone pillars are reflective of both the original Holyrood Palace in Scotland that inspired the name for the estate and the Stuart family’s Scottish history. The battlement with cannons at the top of the pillars, the metal family crest and the metal ‘Holyrood’ signage were purposefully selected and maintained to commemorate these historical connections to Scotland.

Historical and Associative Value

The Holyrood Park gate pillars have cultural heritage value for their direct associations with Oakville’s history of lakeshore estate development, a significant theme of development in Oakville in the late 1800s into the mid-1900s. Estates along the lakeshore, including the Holyrood House, shaped many physical aspects of Oakville today; the town’s unindustrialized lakeshore can be linked to the existence of these significant and wealthy estates extending to the waterfront. The property also has cultural heritage value for its direct associations with its notable Oakville residents, such as Dr. William T. Stuart and Gordon Lefebvre, who not only contributed to the property and surrounding area, but to the development of the town as well.

Contextual Value

The Holyrood Park gate pillars are important in defining the character of the local area and clearly link the neighbourhood to its historical past and former land use. The boundaries and design of the surrounding subdivisions and Holyrood Park were influenced by the former Holyrood Estate, which included its stone pillars. The Holyrood Park gate pillars also have cultural heritage value because they are historically linked to their surroundings, land that once formed part of the Holyrood Estate. Oakville has a long history of wealthy lakeshore estates and the stone pillars

remain an important remnant of Holyrood Estate, whose presence contributed, and continues to contribute, to the town's unindustrialized lakeshore today.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes of Holyrood Park at 24 Holyrood Avenue, that exemplify its cultural heritage value through its early 19th century estate gate pillars, include:

- The stone pillars with large square stones and crenellated tops;
- The metal decoration including the Stuart Family crest, Holyrood nameplate, and cannon balls on each pillar;
- The remnant metal hardware from the original gates; and
- Its location on the previous Holyrood Estate lands.