



OAKVILLE

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-023

A by-law to designate the Holyrood House at 2 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 the Holyrood House;

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 2 Holyrood Avenue, Oakville, ON and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Holyrood House at 2 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 26, 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 2024-023

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

Holyrood House
2 Holyrood Avenue
LOT 14, PLAN 20M-648; TOWN OF OAKVILLE

PIN: 24776-0214

SCHEDULE “B” TO
BY-LAW 2024-023

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

Description of Property

The property at 2 Holyrood Avenue is located on the eastern side of Holyrood Avenue, south of Lakeshore Road West. The property contains a circa 1853-1869 Georgian style two-storey house known as the Holyrood House.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design and Physical Value

The Holyrood House has design value as an evolved, representative example of a mid-18th century Georgian tyle home. While the building has evolved over time, it still retains its historic Georgian form, massing and fenestration. Its square structure and low hipped roof are complimented by its symmetrical fenestration with a central front entrance and matching window openings on either side. The exterior has been plastered but the historic brick remains underneath. Original bronze shutter stoppers remain on the house.

Historical and Associative Value

The house has cultural heritage value for its direct associations with St. Jude’s Church, as it was originally built by the Church as a rectory for the working minister. St. Jude’s Church, one of Oakville’s oldest congregations, is still active in Oakville today. The subject house is also important in Oakville’s history as the land transitioned into a lakeshore estate, 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 House is important in defining the character of the local area. The boundaries and design of the surrounding subdivisions and Holyrood Park were influenced by the former estate, and the area still retains the historic stone pillars, large mature trees and other landscaping elements of the estate, in addition to Holyrood House. The Holyrood House also has cultural heritage value because it is historically linked to its surroundings, land that once formed part of the St. Jude’s

Church rectory and cemetery lands and later the Holyrood Estate. As the oldest house in the neighbourhood, it clearly links the neighbourhood to its historical past and former land use. As the original rectory for St. Jude's Church, it is historically linked to the larger area that was once owned by the church, and on whose land the historic St. Jude's Cemetery still stands. Contextually, the house has been moved approximately 200 feet east of its original location, but it stills stands on the historic grounds and has a connection to the area.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes of the property at 2 Holyrood Avenue that exemplify its cultural heritage value as an evolved, representative example of a mid-18th century Georgian home, as they relate to the historic two-storey house, include:

- The square massing and form of the two-storey building with hipped roof;
- The brick construction of the house;
- Fenestration of the windows and front door on the front (west) elevation;
- The presence of a wood panelled front entry door with panelled and glazed sidelights and multipaned transom window above;
- The presence of 6/6 windows in the original Georgian style;
- Historic bronze shutter stoppers.