

REPORT

Heritage Oakville Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: May 28, 2024

FROM: Planning Services Department

DATE: May 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Notice of intention to designate – Multiple properties – May 28, 2024

LOCATION: Multiple properties

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RECOMMENDATION:

That a notice of intention to designate be issued under section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for the following properties:

- 1) Georgia Cottage at 19 Head Street;
- 2) Hobbs House at 399 Spruce Street; and
- 3) William and Lucy Speers House at 14 Timber Lane.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- As part of the Heritage Designation Project 2023-2025, Heritage Planning staff has evaluated the subject properties and consider them worthy of conservation and heritage designation.
- Staff is recommending that the subject properties be designated under section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and that notices of intention to designate be issued by Council for each property.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2022, Ontario's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022. The bill included several amendments to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, including a two-year time limit for listed properties to remain on municipal heritage registers. In early 2023, Policy Planning & Heritage initiated the Heritage Designation Project 2023-2025 to designate approximately 80 listed properties prior to their required removal from Oakville's Heritage Register on

January 1, 2025. The subject properties of this report were included as priorities within that list.

Location maps for the subject properties are attached as Appendix A.

A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) has been prepared by staff for each property. These documents provide an overview of each of the property's history, current condition and cultural heritage value. The CHERs are attached as follows:

- Appendix B – Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report – 19 Head Street
- Appendix C – Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report – 399 Spruce Street
- Appendix D – Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report – 14 Timber Lane

Draft Notices of Intention to Designate have also been prepared by staff for each property and are attached as Appendix E.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

The Province of Ontario has made a clear commitment to the conservation of significant cultural heritage resources through its legislation and policies, including the *Ontario Heritage Act* (2021), *Planning Act* (1990, as amended) Provincial Policy Statement (2020), the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019).

The PPS (2020) and Growth Plan (2019) function together with the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA) by the shared principle that cultural heritage resources shall be conserved. The OHA sets out the procedures for evaluating and protecting heritage resources at the provincial and municipal levels. This includes the use of Ontario Regulation 9/06 as the means for determining if a property has cultural heritage value.

This commitment to heritage conservation continues at the regional and municipal level through supportive objectives and directions outlined in the Region of Halton Official Plan and the town's Livable Oakville Plan and North Oakville East and West Secondary Plans.

In accordance with the OHA, a property must meet at least two criteria of Ontario Regulation 9/06. The subject properties have been evaluated using these criteria. Staff considers each property to meet at least two or more of these criteria, and therefore each property merits designation under section 29, Part IV of the OHA. The attached Cultural Heritage Evaluation Reports provide more details on the cultural heritage value of each property.

Also attached are draft Notices of Intention to Designate. These provide a clear outline of each property's cultural heritage value and the heritage attributes recommended for protection and conservation through a future designation by-law.

Separate staff reports recommending designation of the subject properties will be presented to Planning & Development Council at a future meeting.

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

If notice is to be issued for the designation of the property, notice will be given in accordance with the town's *Ontario Heritage Act* Alternative Notice Policy.

(B) FINANCIAL

There are no financial implications to consider.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

The Legal department will be consulted on the designation as necessary.

(D) COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This report addresses Council's strategic priorities of Community Belonging, Environmental Sustainability and Accountable Government.

(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION

A Climate Emergency was declared by Council in June 2019 for the purposes of strengthening the Oakville community commitment in reducing carbon footprints. The retention and conservation of these historic buildings through heritage designation contributes to the town's initiatives to reduce carbon footprints.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Location Maps

Appendix B – Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report – 19 Head Street

Appendix C – Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report – 399 Spruce Street

Appendix D – Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report – 14 Timber Lane

Appendix E – Draft Notices of Intention to Designate

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