



OAKVILLE

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-179**

**A by-law to designate the Kenney House (North) at 132 Reynolds Street 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 Kenney House (North);

**WHEREAS** the council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville, by resolution passed on September 24, 2024, has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises at 132 Reynolds Street, Oakville, ON and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Kenney House (North) 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 October 28, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024

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MAYOR

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CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO  
BY-LAW 2024-179

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

Kenney House (North)  
132 Reynolds Street  
Part Lot F, Block 25, Plan 1, as in 770305; Oakville

SCHEDULE "B" TO  
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STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

Description of Property

The property at 132 Reynolds Street is located on the west side of Reynolds Street between Randall Street and Church Street in downtown Oakville. The property contains a two-storey house known as the Kenney House (North).

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

*Design and Physical Value*

The Kenney House (North) has design value as a representative example of vernacular Gothic Revival architecture. It retains heritage features such as: its two-storey form with gable roof; brick façade with dogtooth brick design and low brick plinth along the base of the building; horizontal cladding; fenestration on the east elevation; one-over-one segmental arch wooden windows with brick voussoirs, stone sills and wooden louvered shutters; projecting bay window with wooden frieze and brackets; and front entrance with wooden front door and wooden door surround, including entablature with brackets, decorative frieze and pilasters.

*Historical and Associative Value*

The Kenney House (North) has historical value for its associations with the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial and residential development of downtown Oakville. The house was built by David Kenney around 1890 from the remnants of the Oakville Roller Skating Rink that he built on the same lot circa 1885. Of four similar houses built on the lot, 128 and 132 Reynolds are the only remaining houses. The late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century was a significant period for the town, as it transitioned from a small harbour village that had undergone an economic depression in the 1860s to a bustling lakeside town by the 1900s. In the 1890s, while some businesses still struggled, much work was being done in the Town to make it an appealing locale for upper class Toronto and Hamilton families to build summer homes and estates, and their presence helped to revitalize Oakville's businesses and downtown.

*Contextual Value*

The Kenney House (North) has cultural heritage value because it is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings in downtown Oakville. The house is one of four originally built from the Oakville Roller Skating Rink that previously stood on the same lot. The subject property is one of several historical buildings of note still standing that reference the early built history of the neighbourhood. The area is comprised of adapted former residential buildings whose

historical occupants were closely associated with nearby commercial and industrial enterprises, such as the former Blakelock Lumber Mill and the William Whitaker and Sons Carriage Works. The building's small scale and historic architectural style highlights the history of downtown Oakville.

#### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the property at 132 Reynolds Street that exemplify its cultural heritage value as a vernacular Gothic Revival structure, as they relate to the north, east and south elevations of the original two-storey house, include:

- The massing and form of the two-storey gable roofed building;
- Remaining brick cladding on east elevation;
- The presence of horizontal cladding on the north and south elevations;
- Fenestration of the door and windows on the east elevation;
- The presence of one-over-one segmental arch sash windows and louvered shutters;
- Projecting bay window on east elevation with wooden frieze and brackets; and
- Front entrance with transom window, wooden door surround and small gabled roof.