



OAKVILLE

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-060**

A by-law to designate the Lillie House at 515 Esplanade 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 Lillie House;

**WHEREAS** the council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville, by resolution passed on February 17, 2026, has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises at 515 Esplanade, Oakville, Ontario and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Lillie House at 515 Esplanade 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 March 20, 2026, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026

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MAYOR

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CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO  
BY-LAW 2026-060

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

Lillie House  
515 Esplanade  
PLAN 114, PT LOT 39; OAKVILLE  
PIN: 24781-0104

SCHEDULE “B” TO  
BY-LAW 2026-060

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

Description of Property

The property at 515 Esplanade is located on the north side of Esplanade between Howard Avenue and Park Avenue. The property contains a c.1908 detached two-and-a-half-storey vernacular Arts and Crafts house.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

*Design and Physical Value*

The Lillie House has design value as representative example of a vernacular Craftsman style house constructed during the Arts and Crafts era. The original portion of the house retains heritage features such as its: two-and-a-half storey, L-shaped massing with intersecting gable roof and front gabled dormer; exposed wooden eaves; fenestration on the south and east elevations with multipaned casement windows; historic wooden front door; shed-roofed front porch and; and two brick chimneys. The house retains its Arts and Crafts era charm and is one of the few remaining cottage-style homes of its type in the historic Orchard Beach area.

*Historical and Associative Value*

The Lillie House property has cultural heritage value for its direct associations with the theme of the development of the local residential area known as ‘Orchard Beach’ and then ‘Orchard Park’, an early 20<sup>th</sup> century subdivision of Oakville. Its presence contributes to the story of Oakville’s early 20<sup>th</sup> century residential development that was defined by large lots with well-designed homes built by well-to-do families. The property has historical value for its associations with its builder Charles D. Carson, a local builder and contractor who ran the Carson Brothers Planing Mill on Trafalgar Road. The Carson family was a notable local family, and William and his brother Charles built prominent structures around Oakville, and numerous Arts and Crafts era homes for notable Oakville families. The property is also associated with John T. Lillie, the first owner of the house who was the first principal of Oakville High School.

*Contextual Value*

The Lillie House has cultural heritage value because it is physically and historically linked to its surroundings. It is a prominent house in the historic Orchard Beach subdivision and continues to function as a residential house. It contributes to the understanding of the local community and its early houses along Esplanade and Lake Ontario, particularly those houses that were developed as part of the Orchard Beach subdivision. The subdivision was a significant development for Oakville and many

buyers of the lots and houses during this time were upper middle-class businesspeople from larger cities, whose presence in turn impacted the growth and development of Oakville. The house is one of the first structures built as part of the subdivision and its presence contributes to the character of the area.

#### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the property at 515 Esplanade that exemplify its cultural heritage value as a vernacular Craftsman style house built during the Arts and Crafts era, as they relate to all elevations of the two-and-a-half storey original portion of the house, include its:

- Two-and-a-half storey, L-shaped massing with intersecting gable roof and front gabled dormer;
- Exposed wooden eaves and wooden trim;
- Fenestration of the windows on the south and east elevations;
- The presence of multipaned casement windows in the Arts and Crafts style;
- The original portion of the shed-roofed front porch at the centre of the front elevation;
- Historic wooden front door; and
- Two brick chimneys.