



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2019-015

A by-law to amend By-law 1995-122, being a by-law to designate 139 Thomas Street (Old Radial Station) as a property of historical, architectural and contextual value and interest, for the property known as the Radial Railway Station at 139 Thomas Street.

WHEREAS section 30.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended (OHA), authorizes the Council of a municipality to amend a by-law designating property made under section 29 of the OHA to: clarify or correct the statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest or the description of the property's heritage attributes; correct the legal description of the property; or otherwise revise the language of the by-law to make it consistent with the requirements of the OHA or the regulations;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Town of Oakville on August 2, 1995 passed By-law 1995-122, being "A by-law to designate 139 Thomas Street (Old Radial Station) as a property of historical, architectural and contextual value and interest";

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Town of Oakville on July 9, 2018, after consultation with the Heritage Oakville Advisory Committee, approved a proposal to amend By-law 1995-122 to clarify the statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest and the description of the property's heritage attributes, to correct the legal description of the property and to revise the language of the by-law to make it consistent with the requirements of the OHA;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Town of Oakville on July 9, 2018, pursuant to the requirements of subsection 30.1(4) of the OHA also authorized a Notice of Council's Intention to so amend By-law 1995-122 to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at 139 Thomas Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust with an explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed amendment and an indication that the owner may, within 30 days of receiving the (by January 9, 2019), file notice of objection to the amendment with the Town Clerk setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed amendment was filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Oakville on or before January 9, 2019;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 30.1(7) of the OHA, the Council of the Town of Oakville may now pass the proposed amending bylaw;

COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That section 1 of By-law 1995-122 be deleted and replaced as follows:

“The following real property, more particularly described in Schedule “A”, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons set out in Schedule B:

Radial Railway Station
139 Thomas Street
Town of Oakville
The Regional Municipality of Halton”

2. That section 2 of By-law 1987-024 be deleted and replaced as follows:

“That the Schedules hereto form part of this By-law.”

3. That Schedule “A” of By-law 1995-122 be deleted and replaced with Schedule “B” attached hereto;
4. That Schedule “B” of By-law 1995-122 be deleted and replaced with Schedule “A” attached hereto; and
5. That the Town Solicitor be authorized on behalf of the Town Clerk to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the designated property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust; and to be registered against the property described in Schedule “A” at the Land Registry Office.

PASSED this 18th day of March, 2019

MAYOR

CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO
BY-LAW 2019-015

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

Radial Railway Station
139 Thomas Street
PT LT A, BLK 2, PL 1, PT 1 20R19181; Town of Oakville
Regional Municipality of Halton

SCHEDULE "B" TO
BY-LAW 2019-015

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Description of Property – Radial Railway Station, 139 Thomas Street

The property at 139 Thomas Street is located on the southeast corner of Randall Street and Thomas Street in downtown Oakville. The property contains the former Radial Railway Station.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical Value or Associative Value

The Radial Railway Station has cultural heritage value for its historical associations with the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway and as a former combined passenger building and substation that served local residents and visitors. The railway provided an important service to locals, including students from Appelby College and women working in Hamilton factories during World War I.

Train service began at the station in 1906 when the substation, now the rear of the building, was constructed. Two years later, the front portion of the building was built, which included the ticket office and waiting room. The substation contained a generator to supply the electric power needed for the railway cars. The substation was operated by the Hamilton Radial Electric Company, which was owned by the Dominion Power and Transmission Company, an early developer of the transmission of power.

The building continued to play a significant role for Oakville, even after the end of the Radial Railway when the company went bankrupt in 1925. The building served as the headquarters of the Oakville Water and Light Commission, later the Oakville Public Utilities Commission. Today it is significant as the last building on the Oakville-Hamilton line left in its original state.

Design Value or Physical Value

The property is considered to have heritage value for its early 20th century combined passenger and substation building. The design and style of the building demonstrates its functional service as a railway building. The larger one- and three-storey southerly flat-roofed portions of the building were constructed first, in 1906.

These portions housed the substation and were designed in a utilitarian manner, with solid red brick masonry and few openings. Simple brick corner buttresses add to the solid fortress-like appearance of the structure. The original window openings have rusticated stone sills and brick voussoirs and contain multi-paned wood windows. The south elevation, which has been covered by the new 2017 addition, originally contained a large garage-style wood door for access to larger machines and equipment.

The building also has heritage value for its 1908 front section which was built to provide space for passengers. Reminiscent of many train stations from the late 19th century and early 20th centuries, this portion contains a sloped roof with a large overhang to protect passengers from the elements while waiting for the train. The overhang has flared eaves and is supported on large wood brackets. A bay window with three sides housed the ticket booth where passengers could purchase tickets from outside. A wood passenger door to the west of the bay window provided an entrance into the waiting room inside and a larger wood door provided access to the luggage room. Simple 1/1 wood windows with a wood transom window above have rusticated stone sills and lintels.

Contextual Value

The property has contextual heritage value as a landmark within downtown Oakville. The property helps to define and support the character of the historic commercial downtown and is visually and historically linked to the surrounding neighbourhood. The location and orientation of the building is especially important for this building as it is a reminder of the former radial railway system that ran along what is now Randall Street, linking Oakville to Hamilton for many years.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key features that relate to the historical, associative, design and physical value of the Radial Railway Station include:

- The location of the building on the site and its orientation to Randall Street;
- The one and three storey form of the building;
- The flat roofed design of the rear portion of the building and the sloped roof over the front portion of the building;
- The red brick construction, including the brick corner buttresses;
- The original window openings with stone sills and brick voussoirs on the north, east and south elevations of the 1906 portion of the building;
- The original window openings with stone sills and lintels on the west, north and east elevation of the 1908 portion of the building;

- The original front passenger door opening on the north elevation, its stone step, stone lintels and the use of a wood panelled door in this opening;
- The original luggage door opening on the north elevation, its brick lintels and the use of a wood panelled door in this opening;
- The use of 1/1 wood windows in the original window openings, with the exception of the two windows on the east elevation of the 1906 portion of the building, which should have 2/2 wood windows; and
- Wood tongue and groove ceiling and wood brackets in the front overhang on the north elevation.