



OAKVILLE

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2019-014

A by-law to amend By-law 1993-054, being a by-law to designate Lyon's Log Cabin, Shipyard Park, as a property of historical and architectural value and interest, for the property known as Lyon's Log Cabin at 99 Forsythe 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 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;

**WHEREAS** the Council for the Town of Oakville on May 26, 1993 passed By-law 1993-054, being "A by-law to designate Lyon's Log Cabin, Shipyard Park, as a property of historical and architectural value and interest";

**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 1993-054 to clarify the statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest and the description of the property's heritage attributes, to amend 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;

**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 1993-054 to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at 99 Forsythe 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 Notice (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;

**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 1993-054 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:

Lyon’s Log Cabin  
99 Forsythe Street  
Town of Oakville  
The Regional Municipality of Halton”

2. That section 2 of By-law 1993-054 be deleted and replaced as follows:

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

3. That Schedule “A” of By-law 1993-054 be deleted and replaced with Schedule “B” attached hereto.
4. That Schedule “B” of By-law 1993-054 be deleted and replaced with Schedule “A” attached hereto.
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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019

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MAYOR

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CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO  
BY-LAW 2019-014

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

Lyon's Log Cabin  
99 Forsythe Street

LT 1, BLK 108, PL 1, LT 3, BLK 108, PL 1, LT 5, BLK 108, PL 1, LT 6, BLK 108, PL  
1, LT 7, BLK 108, PL 1, LT 8, BLK 108, PL 1, LT 9, BLK 108, PL 1, LT 10, BLK 108,  
PL 1; PT BURNET ST, PL 1, CLOSED BY 598554 ; PT LT 2 & 4, BLK 108, PL 1, PT  
2 & 3, 20R11220 AND AS IN OC12014 & 58419; S/T THE INTEREST(S) IN 127392  
; S/T 474707; S/T EASEMENT OVER PTS 4,5,6, 20R16394 AS IN HR972622;  
FRANCIS STREET, PL 1, BEING A FORCED RD, CLOSED BY BY-LAW 2015-027  
(INST. HR1263938); S/T EASEMENT OVER PT 7, 20R16394 AS IN HR972622;

Town of Oakville  
Regional Municipality of Halton

SCHEDULE "B" TO  
BY-LAW 2019-014

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Description of Property – Lyon's Log Cabin, 99 Forsythe Street

The property at 99 Forsythe Street is located in Shipyard Park on the east side of Forsythe Street south of Lakeshore Road West, on the west bank of Sixteen Mile Creek. The property contains the historic building known as Lyon's Log Cabin.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

*Historical Value or Associative Value*

The Lyon's Log Cabin has cultural heritage value for its historical associations with the early settlement of Trafalgar Township and with the Lyon family. Originally built in the 1820s, the cabin was once part of a farm located on the east side of Trafalgar Road north of White Oaks Boulevard. This area was known as Vernerville, a small hamlet founded by Sir Frederick Verner in the 1850s on the new plank road (Trafalgar Road). The introduction of the railway and the poor quality of the road meant that Vernerville was never a permanent settlement.

George and Mary Lyon came to Canada from England in 1868 and purchased the 50 acres of land that included the log cabin. George worked for the Township of Trafalgar on road maintenance while the rest of the family, which included four sons and five daughters, farmed the land and raised animals. Over the years, they added a lean-to addition for a small buggy and wagon, a separate kitchen and a separate timber-frame barn to raise animals. Son Edward took over the farm and further renovated the log cabin in the late 1800s.

When the land was being cleared to build new apartment buildings in 1968, the original log cabin was found under wood siding. A group of local citizens measured, dismantled and stored the log cabin. In the late 1970s, the cabin was reconstructed in Shipyard Park by students at T.A. Blakelock High School, Lorne Scots Regiment Cadets, Dr. H.J. Newman and the Oakville Harbours Authority. The form, size and style of the cabin was retained but many logs had to be replaced, and a brick chimney was added. In 2013, the Town relocated the log cabin to the north within Shipyard Park and placed it on a new foundation. A new covered porch was added and the brick fireplace was replaced with a more historically accurate stone fireplace.

### *Design Value or Physical Value*

The log cabin has cultural heritage value as a representative and early example of a single room pioneer log cabin. It has a simple rectangular form with a gable roof and includes small multi-paned wood windows and two simple wood doors. The building is a physical reminder of the typical log cabin built by settlers which was improved over time as money and time permitted, and as the needs of the family changed.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key features that relate to the historical, associative, design and physical value of the historic one-storey Lyon's Log Cabin include:

- The form of the one-storey rectangular building;
- The form of the medium pitch gable roof with cedar shingles;
- The log construction with chinking between logs;
- The multipaned wood windows and associated wood trim; and
- The wood doors and associated wood trim.