



OAKVILLE

## REPORT

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING DATE: JULY 9, 2018

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**FROM:** Planning Services Department

**DATE:** June 18, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Intention to Designate - 120 Oak Park Boulevard

**LOCATION:** 120 Oak Park Boulevard

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That notice be issued under section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* of the intention to designate the property at 120 Oak Park Boulevard, which contains the Trafalgar Memorial.

### KEY FACTS:

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

- The property at 120 Oak Park Boulevard contains the Trafalgar Memorial.
- Heritage planning staff have evaluated the property and consider the Trafalgar Memorial worthy of conservation and heritage designation.
- It is recommended that the property at 120 Oak Park Boulevard be designated under section 29 the *Ontario Heritage Act* and that a notice of intention to designate be issued by Council.

### BACKGROUND:

The property at 120 Oak Park Boulevard is bounded by Oak Park Boulevard on the east, Central Park Drive on the south, Georgian Drive on the west and Hays Boulevard on the north. A Location Map is attached as Appendix A. The block of land is the easterly portion of Memorial Park, a town-owned park which contains the Trafalgar Memorial, the subject of the heritage designation. The memorial is constructed of remnants of the former Trafalgar Memorial hall once located at the southeast corner of Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street. These remnants now serve as a war memorial for Trafalgar Township veterans of war.

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Staff are recommending that the property be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as an individually designated property in order to conserve the historically significant Trafalgar Memorial.

#### **COMMENT/OPTIONS:**

The Trafalgar Memorial at 120 Oak Park Boulevard is considered to have cultural heritage value for its historical associations with the former Trafalgar Township, the former hamlet of Trafalgar (also known as Post's Corners and Postville) and with veterans of war from Trafalgar Township.

Dedicated in 2005, Trafalgar Memorial was designed and built as a war memorial recognizing almost 700 veterans from the former Trafalgar Township who served during World War I, World War II and the Korean War. The memorial site has importance for families throughout Trafalgar Township and is culturally significant as a reminder of the contributions of local families to the war effort throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The memorial also has cultural heritage value for its remnants of the former Trafalgar Memorial Hall building, formerly located at the southeast corner of Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street. Built in 1949, four years after the end of World War II, the Trafalgar Memorial Hall was constructed in recognition of war veterans from the two Great Wars. The structure served as the municipal building for Trafalgar Township, which at the time was still independent from the municipality of Oakville.

The memorial hall building became surplus in 1962 after the amalgamation of Trafalgar Township and Oakville. In 1997, Oakville Town Council approved the construction of a new memorial using remnants of the memorial hall to pay homage to the former municipal building and to commemorate veterans of war. The building was demolished in 1999 and several features of the building were salvaged, including the stone material around the front entrance, red bricks, the steel lettering of 'Trafalgar Memorial' and a bronze plaque from 1959 which recognized the contributions of war veterans from the two Great Wars.

The original stone frontispiece with signage was recreated on the new site and brick material was used to create low garden walls which mimic the footprint of the original hall. Inside the memorial walls is a monument made of the salvaged brick and new stone material. On it are placed six bronze plaques: a replica of the 1959 plaque which commemorated the Trafalgar Memorial Hall; a plaque commemorating the Trafalgar Memorial; a plaque with names of World War I veterans; two plaques with names of World War II veterans; and a plaque with names of Korean War

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veterans. The plaques are angled to symbolically represent those who have fallen during these wars.

The Trafalgar Memorial is contextually significant as a reminder of the former hamlet of Postville at the intersection of Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street. The Trafalgar Memorial Hall was once a significant building in the centre of this hamlet and the remnants used in the memorial are a rare and physical reminder of the former built heritage which has, for the most part, been lost. The memorial is a reminder of this post-contact European settlement throughout Trafalgar Township and its rural and agricultural history.

These physical, historical and contextual associations are considered to be significant enough to merit designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. It is therefore recommended that Council issue a notice of intention to designate the property under section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

If the property is to be designated, the intention is to only include the salvaged remnants used in the Trafalgar Memorial as heritage features in the designation by-law. The designation of this portion of Memorial Park is not intended to apply heritage restrictions on the whole of the park, but rather to protect the physical elements of the Trafalgar Memorial.

A separate staff report on this matter was presented to the Heritage Oakville Committee on June 26, 2018. The Committee supported staff's recommendation to designate the property.

#### **CONSIDERATIONS:**

**(A) PUBLIC**

If notice is to be issued for the designation of the property, notice will be given in accordance with section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**(B) FINANCIAL**

None

**(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS**

The Legal Department will be consulted on the legal aspects of the designation where necessary.

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**(D) CORPORATE AND/OR DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS**

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to:

- enhance our cultural environment
- be the most livable town in Canada

**(E) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY**

This report generally complies with the sustainability objectives of the Livable Oakville Plan.

**APPENDICES:**

Appendix A – Location Map

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