



OAKVILLE

REPORT

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2020

FROM: Planning Services Department

DATE: January 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Designate - 2477 Fourth Line

LOCATION: 2477 Fourth Line

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RECOMMENDATION:

That a Notice of Intention to Designate under Section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for the Sixteen School, located at 2477 Fourth Line, as identified in Appendix A to the report dated January 29, 2020 from the Planning Services Department, be issued.

KEY FACTS:

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

- The property at 2477 Fourth Line contains the historic Sixteen School.
- Heritage planning staff have evaluated the property and consider the schoolhouse worthy of conservation and heritage designation.
- It is recommended that the property be designated under section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and that a notice of intention to designate be issued by Council.
- At its meeting on January 21, 2020, the Heritage Oakville Advisory Committee supported staff's recommendation to designate the property.

BACKGROUND:

The property at 2477 Fourth Line is located on the south side of Dundas Street directly west of Sixteen Mile Creek. A Location Map is attached as Appendix A. A Heritage Research Report was completed for the property by staff and is attached as Appendix B. A draft Notice of Intention to Designate has been prepared by staff and is attached as Appendix C.

Since 2009, Heritage Planning staff have been monitoring the subject property which became vacant around that time. Staff have worked with the owners to ensure that repairs and maintenance have been undertaken on the building when needed in order to prevent demolition by neglect. Numerous local residents and groups have requested that the property be designated to ensure its protection.

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Staff have now completed a full heritage research report on the property and consider it worthy of designation. Therefore, staff are now 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 Sixteen School. The draft Notice of Intention to Designate provides more details on the intent of the designation.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

The Sixteen School is considered to have cultural heritage value as a representative and early example of a 19th century brick one-room schoolhouse and one of few remaining structures of its kind in Oakville. The property has historical value for its associations with the former hamlet of Sixteen Hollow and with the development of rural Trafalgar Township and the early education of its residents. The property also has historical and contextual associations with the ancestors of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who used the land prior to European settlement of this area.

The property's 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 historic brick schoolhouse building in the heritage attributes of the designation by-law. Staff will continue to work with the owners who are aware of the proposal to designate the property.

A separate staff report on this matter was presented to the Heritage Oakville Advisory Committee on January 21, 2020. 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 has reviewed this report.

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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

The designation of the Sixteen School protects a valuable heritage resource from being discarded into the landfill. The protection of this significant property allows for the re-use of an existing building and therefore supports the town's climate and sustainability initiatives.

APPENDICES:

- Appendix A – Location Map
- Appendix B – Heritage Research Report
- Appendix C – Draft Notice of Intention to Designate

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