



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

### BY-LAW NUMBER 2016-054

A by-law to designate the Kaitting House Parkette at  
257 Ellen Davidson Drive as a property of historical,  
architectural and contextual significance.

**WHEREAS** pursuant to 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 council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

257 Ellen Davidson Drive  
Oakville, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Kaitting House Parkette at 257 Ellen Davidson Drive as a property of historical, architectural and contextual significance and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused the notice of intention to be published in the Oakville Beaver, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the municipality;

### **COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That 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:

Kaitting House Parkette  
257 Ellen Davidson Drive  
Town of Oakville  
The Regional Municipality of Halton

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016

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MAYOR

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CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO  
BY-LAW 2016-054

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

Kaitting House Parkette  
257 Ellen Davidson Drive  
BLOCK 70, PLAN 20M1137  
Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton

SCHEDULE "B" TO  
BY-LAW 2016-054

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Description of Property – Kaitting House Parkette, 257 Ellen Davidson Drive

The Kaitting House Parkette is located on the north side of Ellen Davidson Drive near the intersection of Preserve Drive and Dundas Street West. The property is a Town-owned public park that contains remnants of the historic Kaitting House and features which commemorate the history of the former house.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

*Design Value or Physical Value*

The Kaitting House Parkette has cultural heritage value for its features and design which commemorate the former Kaitting House which was destroyed in a fire in 2009. The primary feature on the site is a section of brick wall which was salvaged from the original house and reconstructed within the parkette. Other features include the historical plaque, the placement of ornamental fruit trees to the east of the wall, the view of the wall from Ellen Davidson Drive, and the curved design of the path which references the original curved lane on the farm.

*Historical Value or Associative Value*

The salvaged brick wall originally formed the southwest corner of the Kaitting House. Originally located where Jemima Drive now meets Lane 141, the house was part of a 200-acre farm on Lot 18, Concession 1 NDS settled by John and Elizabeth Kaitting in 1808. The Kaittings left the United States and moved to Trafalgar Township where they raised at least six children on the farm, including Jemima, William, Sarah, Betsy, Hannah, and Amanda. Son William took over the farm with his wife Ellen Davidson and the family continued to farm the land until 1909. The property was then purchased by the King family who owned the farm for several decades, referring to it as Kingsholm.

The 1 ½ storey brick house was constructed in 1848 and was an example of the 'Ontario vernacular' farmhouse style designed with influences from the Neoclassical style. The house once included a wide front porch, 8/8 and 6/6 wood windows, a decorative dentilled cornice, and a front entrance with an impressive door surround. Interior features, such as the staircase, baseboards and window trim, were examples of fine craftsmanship and would have been very sophisticated for a mid-19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse.

### *Contextual Value*

The Kaitting Parkette is contextually significant as a reminder of the former Kaitting House which was located nearby. The original house was one of many farmhouses that once dotted the former agricultural landscape of Trafalgar Township and was a significant site along Dundas Street, one of the earliest travel routes in Upper Canada. The salvaged remnants of the house and commemorative features in the parkette are an important reminder of this rural history. These elements within the parkette, along with historical street names used nearby, allow the public to learn about and appreciate Oakville's rural past.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the parkette which embody and commemorate the physical, historical and contextual significance of the former Kaitting House include:

- The section of brick wall salvaged and reconstructed to replicate a portion of the original south and west walls of the former Kaitting House including:
  - The historic red bricks which were salvaged from the original walls;
  - The design of the angled bricks which form the transition between the brick wall and the stone foundation on the west side of the west wall;
  - The Flemish Bond design used to lay the bricks;
  - The positioning of the bricks with the frogs (indents) upwards for superior wall strength;
  - The stones which form the foundation which were salvaged from the original foundation;
  - The layout of the bricks using 8mm joints to match the joints of the original walls;
  - On the west and south sides of the wall, the use of a recessed profile and the use of a white lime mortar installed flush to the bricks to match the unique profile and mortar of the original walls;
  - The use of a hot-hydraulic-lime mortar mix which was used on the original walls;
- The placement of ornamental fruit trees to the east and northeast of the wall which reference the historic orchard that was once located to the east of the former Kaitting House; and
- The curved layout of the path at the south end of the park which allows for the view of the wall from Ellen Davidson Drive and which references the layout of the original farm lane.

### Works Requiring a Heritage Permit

All maintenance and alterations to the Kaitting House Parkette are exempt from heritage permit requirements with the exception of the following:

- 1) Any and all changes to the physical structure of the historic brick wall, including the bricks, mortar, granite coping, and stones;
- 2) The replacement, relocation or removal of the ornamental fruit trees to the east and northeast of the wall; and
- 3) Any and all changes to the layout of the curved path at the south end of the park (changes in materials do not require heritage approval).

### Explanatory Note

Re: Heritage Designation By-law No. 2016-054

By-law No. 2016-054 has the following purpose and effect:

To designate Kaitting House Parkette located at 257 Ellen Davidson Drive as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29.