



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2013-017

A by-law to designate 2405, 2409 and 2411 Ontario Street as property of historical, architectural and/or contextual significance.

WHEREAS pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 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;

AND WHEREAS the municipal council of The Corporation of the Town of Oakville, having consulted with its municipal heritage committee, has caused notice of intention to designate 2405-2411 Ontario Street, to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

2405-2411 Ontario Street
Oakville, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in the Oakville Beaver, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality

COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The real property described in Schedule "A" to this by-law, and municipally known as follows, is hereby designated as being a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 :

2405 Ontario Street (Glendella Inn)
2409 Ontario Street (Former Bronte Post Office)
2411 Ontario Street (Former Bronte Police Station)

2. The statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest and description of the property's heritage attributes attached as Schedule "B" to this by-law forms part of this by-law.
3. The Town solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against title to the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto at the Land Registry Office.

PASSED this 25th day of February, 2013

MAYOR

CLERK

**SCHEDULE "A" TO
BY-LAW 2013-017**

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

Part 4 of 20R-19463
Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW 2013-017

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Description of Property – 2405-2411 Ontario Street

The subject property to be designated is bordered by Ontario Street to the south, Jones Street to the east, a walkway and new building to the north and the line of mature existing trees to the west. It consists of three frame heritage buildings, namely, the Glendella Inn and the relocated former Bronte Post Office and former Bronte Police Station. The designated property area is Part 4 of Reference Plan 20R-19463.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Glendella Inn (2405 Ontario Street)

Constructed in 1845, this 2-1/2 storey frame building was built as an inn, situated to serve farmers coming from the interior to the harbour, as well as for those stopping by boat and as a stagecoach stop on the old Lake Road. The Glendella Inn has historic value as one of few remaining buildings from Bronte’s early history. The building has value as a pioneer inn that served the public for meeting, respite and commercial functions. It also has value in its association with the stage coach route along Lake Road, which was one of the first routes between Toronto and Dundas and was originally part of the old Mississauga First Nations trail along the lakeshore.

Originally known as Thompson’s Inn, the building has long-standing associations with the fishing industry due to its proximity to the harbour and early use as a boarding house for sailors and fishermen.

The Glendella Inn also has historic value in its various associations as a summer hotel in the early 1900’s, as well as a tavern, a grocery store, candy shop and post office. For many years, the community associated the building with the seasonal travel industry that brought the public to the lakeshore in the summer. And for 12 years, the building was well-known as one of the first charitable retreats for women and children.

Over the years, the Glendella Inn has been associated with many prominent Bronte families, including Belyea, Thompson, Joyce and Hill. These families contributed to the founding and then historic development of Bronte Village over the past 160 years.

The Glendella Inn has architectural value as an example of a late Georgian influenced vernacular building that has had numerous changes throughout its long history. This frame structure with horizontal wood cladding and steeply hipped roof has had dormers added to the roof, rear additions and changes to the verandah. The foundation of Dundas shale, also known as 'lakestone' or 'hooked stone', remains intact and may have been salvaged from the nearby beach or pried off the lakebed of Lake Ontario by stonehookers.

The Glendella Inn was formerly designated under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by By-law 1987-237 under the legal description Parcel 83-1 (Lots 83 and 85A), Plan M8.

The Former Bronte Post Office (2409 Ontario Street)

The former Bronte Post Office, a 1-1/2 storey frame building constructed circa 1870, is of cultural heritage value and interest as it is believed to be the first post office building in the Bronte community. Likely built by John Belyea, the building was used as a residence and shoe store in addition to serving as the post office, and later as a grocery store as well.

The former Bronte Post Office has historic value in its associations with well-known Bronte families, including Belyea, McCraney, Ingledrew, Flumerfelt and Pickard, who either owned or occupied the property between 1870 and 1940.

This building was originally located on the west side of Bronte Road, north of Marine Drive and was then moved to 45-47 Bronte Road where it was used as an art gallery. It was relocated in 2007 to the new heritage precinct at 2411 Ontario Street.

The architectural value of this structure is as an example of a small Ontario Gothic frame cottage, with its characteristic centre wall gable. Clad in horizontal wood siding, this small cottage has remained relatively intact, despite changes made to install shop windows on the first storey during the building's use as an art gallery.

The former Bronte Post Office was formerly designated under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by By-law 1987-025 under the legal description Part of Parcel 78-1, Plan M8 (Part 1 of Plan 20R-7794).

The Former Bronte Police Station (2411 Ontario Street)

The former Bronte Police Station, a 1 storey frame building, has cultural heritage value in its association with the early history and development of Bronte Village.

The building has been historically associated with the Underground Railroad network. During the 1850s, a number of escaped slaves from the United States

settled in the Bronte area, building small cabins along Bronte Creek. The cabins were reputedly small three-room buildings, constructed out of rough lumber and complete with floors, but no foundations. Local legend has stated that this building was one of those cabins, most of which were torn down or reutilized for other purposes by the 1890s.

The building also has historical associations with Taylor's Sawmill, an early industry on Bronte Creek. As it was situated conveniently on the creek bank, the building became one of the outbuildings or sheds for the mill after it was vacated by its original occupants.

The building also has significant associations with members of Bronte's early community, including the McDonalds and Clemences. Duncan McDonald, a teamster, moved the cabin from the creek bank to 25 Bronte Road where he used it as his residence for many years. After Duncan's death, the property came to his brother Alex McDonald, who then sold the building to Mr. Clemence. The building continued to be used as a residence and was gradually updated through the years to provide modern conveniences.

In the early 1990s, the building was purchased by the Town of Oakville in order to protect and preserve the building and was converted to the Bronte Village Police substation.

This small structure has architectural value as a simple vernacular cottage that reflected the available local materials and economic status of its builders and occupants. Constructed with local lumber, this small building has, despite several renovations, retained much of its simple design character and details.

The former Bronte Police Station was formerly designated under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by By-law 1988-161 under the legal description Parcel 84-1, Plan M8.

Contextual Value of the Heritage Precinct (Part 4 of Plan 20R-19463)

The buildings in the heritage precinct have cultural heritage significance for their contextual value. Although two of the buildings have been relocated to their current locations in the heritage precinct, their original locations were not far away. Both the former Post Office and former Police Station buildings are well-known as part of historic Bronte Village and their respective relocation to the current site has not removed their contextual importance to Bronte Village.

The Glendella Inn, which is in its original location, is one of the most important historical landmarks remaining in Bronte. Its position facing Lake Ontario, close to

the mouth of Bronte Harbour is important, as is its relationship to the old Lake Road. Both of these considerations were crucial to the building's historic uses as an inn, tavern and stagecoach stop. The views of Glendella from the Bronte pier and from the lake are integral to the history of this structure and the entire heritage precinct area.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The Reasons for Designation include the following exterior heritage attributes on each of the three buildings in the heritage precinct. Please note that restored and replicated elements are included as they contribute to the overall heritage character of the existing structures.

Glendella Inn

- Form and structure of 2-1/2 storey wood frame building;
- Post and beam construction of the frame building, including historical re-purposed beams and other historic salvaged materials;
- Exterior walls clad in horizontal clapboard wood siding;
- Dundas shale (lakestone) foundation;
- Asymmetrical front (south) façade;
- All original and historic door openings;
- Design of all wood doors and surrounds;
- All original and historic wood trim and details;
- Restored front porch with mansard style roof, turned upper columns with brick bases, original salvaged brackets and picket railings;
- Steep hip roof form broken by gabled dormers;
- Cedar shingle cladding on roof;
- Original and historic fenestration;
- Design of wood 2/2 sash windows;
- Wood window surrounds and sills;
- Wood soffits and fascia;
- Restored copper eavestrough;
- Location at Ontario and Jones Street, facing Lake Ontario and visible from the Bronte Harbour.

Former Bronte Post Office

- Form and structure of 1-1/2 storey wood frame building;
- Steeply pitched 'Ontario Gothic' gable roof profile with centre wall gable on front and rear elevations;
- Returned eaves on side elevations;
- Exterior walls clad in horizontal clapboard wood siding;

- Wood trim, soffits, fascia and corner boards;
- Historic and original fenestration of windows and doors;
- Design of wood 2/2 sash windows;
- Wood window surrounds and sills;
- Design of wood doors and surrounds.

Former Bronte Police Station

- Form and structure of 1 storey wood frame building;
- Form of side gable roof;
- Cedar shingle cladding on roof;
- Exterior walls clad in clapboard siding with an ogee profile;
- Simplified Doric pilasters, trim and window pediment mouldings;
- Historic fenestration of windows and doors;
- Design of wood 2/2 sash windows and shutters;
- Wood trim, soffits, fascia and corner boards;
- Brick chimney at end of gable roof.