



# The Corporation of the Town of Milton

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Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: December 9, 2024

Report No: DS-078-24

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate 1217 Fourth Line\_ Beaty House

**Recommendation:** **THAT** Staff Report DS-078-24 entitled: "Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate\_1217 Fourth Line\_ Beaty House" be received and;

**THAT** Council recognizes the historic house at 1217 Fourth Line in the Town of Milton as being of heritage significance;

**THAT** Council designate the property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 for the reasons outlined in the Reasons for Designation attached as Appendix 1 to this Report;

**AND THAT** the Town Clerk provides the Notice of Intention to Designate as outlined in Section 29 (4) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

**AND FURTHER THAT** once the thirty-day objection period has expired and if there are no objections, a designation by-law is brought forward for Council adoption

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council approved report DS-05-21 on June 21, 2021, to enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement with Mattamy (Brownridge) Limited for the conservation of this historical property.
- As per the conservation plan, the historic house was moved from its former location at 1211 Fourth Line to its new location at 1217 Fourth Line. The rehabilitation and addition to this historical house is now completed as per the Heritage Easement Agreement, executed on October 16, 2021.
- Staff concur with the heritage expert recommendation that the house at its new location will continue as a significant built heritage resource for the Town of Milton and should

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be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act to protect this built heritage resource. (See Appendix '2')

- This significant heritage resource complies with the criteria set out in Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990), Ontario Regulation 9/06. As such, it is worthy of designation under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

## REPORT

### Background

The Beaty house was previously located at 1211 Fourth Line in the Town of Milton. On June 21, 2021, Council approved report DS05-21 to enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement with Mattamy (Brownridge) Limited to conserve this historical property.

Constructed circa 1860 by John Beaty, the rehabilitated historical one-storey Italianate-style structure exhibits a hip roof, dichromatic brick quoins, and a wide entrance with transom and sidelights. The property was previously located at 1211 Fourth Line and has been relocated to 1217 Fourth Line per the conservation plan.

### Discussion

Historically, James Beaty received the land from the Crown and sold the property to his brother John Beaty in 1846. James was a successful shoemaker, politician, and businessman. John married Elizabeth Stewart in 1823 and founded the Church of Christ in Omagh together. He was also the first preacher at the Church of Christ. The congregation first met in the Beaty's residence, which also served as the local schoolhouse until the church opened in 1851. Initially, the house was a one-storey residence constructed of part log and part frame. By 1861, the census recorded that the Beaty household consisted of 6 members and were now living in a two-storey brick house. John Beaty died in 1870 at the age of 80, with Elizabeth passing away four years later at the age of 69. In 1879, the property was released to their son, William Crawford Beaty. William served as the first postmaster (1853-1859) for the village of Omagh and was elected to be the Secretary-Treasurer of the Trafalgar Agricultural Society, Secretary of the County Agricultural Society and member of the Trafalgar Council and Deputy Reeve. The property was acquired by Peter McCulloch in 1881. The property changed hands several times until it was purchased by Edward Tor in 1958. Edward sold the property to a numbered company in 1989, and Mattamy acquired the land in 2003.

## Discussion

Physically, the Beaty house is a unique example of a 19th-century Italianate-style farmhouse that started as a country mansion and altered to a cottage style after the Second World War. Constructed circa 1860, it was formerly a two-storey Italianate-style farmhouse forming part of a large farm run by the Beaty family. The rehabilitated one-storey structure exhibits a low hip roof with a central gable, two chimneys and fireplaces, dichromatic string bricks and quoins, six over six windows with stone header and lug sills, decorative interior window casing, original pine wood floor as well as a wide entrance with transom and sidelights.

The Beaty house is significant contextually as it is one of the original houses in Trafalgar County and was depicted in the 1877 Country Atlas as an estate setting surrounded by large outbuildings, livestock, and orchards.

## Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that reflect the cultural heritage value of the property include:

- Massing of the one-storey brick Italianate-style house with stone veneer on a new concrete foundation
- Low-hipped roof with protruding eaves and central gable
- Two brick chimneys and fireplaces
- Exterior Flemish bond masonry with buff brick quoins and dichromatic string course
- Six over six flat windows with plain trim, stone headers and lug sills
- Wide entrance with a six-panel front door, transom and side lights
- Decorative interior window casings with medallions
- Original pine wood floor
- Home of John and Elizabeth Beaty, founders of the Christ Church in Omagh.
- Historical and contextual significance as a farm featured in the 1877 Country Atlas with an estate-like setting surrounded by large outbuildings, livestock and orchards

## Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the optimal conservation and protection measures for this heritage property is the designation of the property.



### Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hogan  
Commissioner, Development Services

For questions, please contact: Anthony Wong, Senior Policy Planner      Phone: Ext. Ext. 2565

### Attachments

Appendix '1'\_Reasons for Designation \_ 1217 Fourth Line

Appendix '2'\_CHVI evaluation of \_1217 Fourth Line

Appendix '3'\_Photographic Record Heritage Attributes\_ 1217 Fourth Line

Approved by CAO  
Andrew M. Siltala  
Chief Administrative Officer

### Recognition of Traditional Lands

The Town of Milton resides on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee people. The Town of Milton shares this land and the responsibility for the water, food and resources. We stand as allies with the First Nations as stewards of these lands.