



# The Corporation of the Town of Milton

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Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: January 27, 2025

Report No: DS-001-25

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate\_74 Robert Street\_ William Tight House

**Recommendation:** **THAT** Staff Report DS-001-25 entitled: "Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate\_74 Robert Street\_ William Tight House" be received and;

**THAT** Council recognizes the historic house at 74 Robert Street 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

- William Tight, a carpenter, built this one-and-a-half storey Edwardian-style residence in 1917. This property stands as a proud contributor to the rich heritage character of the Louisa M. Harrison survey neighbourhood.
- The property's current owner has voluntarily responded to the heritage designation program and desires that their property be designated.
- Staff has evaluated this historic home as a significant built heritage resource for the Town of Milton and should be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. (See Appendix '1')

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This significant heritage resource fulfils more than two of the evaluation criteria set out in Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990), Ontario Regulation 9/06 (See Appendix 2). As such, it is worthy of designation under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

## **REPORT**

### **Background**

William Tight, a carpenter, built this one-and-a-half storey Edwardian-style residence in 1917. Its physical attributes include a rare single-leaf, three-panel wooden Dutch front door. Historically, it was the residence of William Tight, one of the Barnardo Boys, who arrived in Canada more than 100 years ago and was placed on a farm in Esquesing. The property's contextual value is further enhanced by its contribution to the heritage character of the Louisa M. Harrison survey neighbourhood Plan 153.

### **Discussion**

Historically, this property was registered as part of Plan 153, the Louisa M. Harrison survey, on January 13, 1913. On May 13, 1913, William R. Tight purchased this lot and built a frame house. William immigrated to Canada from England. He was one of the Barnardo Boys who arrived in Canada more than 100 years ago and was placed on a farm in Esquesing. William worked at the planing mill on Mill Street and was an accomplished carpenter. He also issued driver's licenses. William and his wife, Sarah Cochrane, were married in Milton in 1903. They had four children. Alice, their daughter, married George E. Elliott, who became a county judge.

After William sold the property to Albert Barton in 1916, he built a small cottage opposite the fairgrounds at 145 Robert Street. Albert was a farmer, dairy operator and inspector of service installations for the Town. He was born in 1887 in England. He married Mary Dowling in 1912. He owned a rare penny-farthing bicycle and rode it on special occasions and in various town parades. The penny-farthing bike got its name from its large front wheel likened to a penny coin and the much smaller rear wheel representing a farthing (a quarter of a penny). Albert Barton sold the property in 1920 to Matilda M. Bowman, who then sold it to Mr. John C. Eagleson in 1923.

John sold the property to Herbert Elmer and Myrtle (nee Beaton) Zimmerman in the same year. Herbert, a stonemason and bricklayer, undertook significant renovations in the mid-

## Discussion

1950s, converting the frame house to brick and installing a proper foundation. These changes reflect the property's evolution over time.

Robert and Lori Ann Woods purchased the home in 1988. Three years later, they sold it to Jan Martinus Wegman. In 1995, James Southcott and Tamara Amabile bought this property. Tamara and James have two daughters, Tara and Rebecca. They sold it to Jodi (nee Zanatta) and Brent Cross in 2002. Jodi and Brent were raised in the Milton area, have family nearby, and still live in this house.

Physically, this one-and-a-half storey Edwardian Classism-style red brick house has a medium gable roof and a brick chimney at the rear. Windows are generally one-over-one double-hung with plain mouldings. The off-centre doorway has a rare single-leaf, three-panel wooden Dutch front door with a glass insert. The original front porch has been enclosed. The two smaller windows at the front gable are also a later addition. Elmer Zimmerman likely made these changes when he renovated the house in the 1950s.

Contextually, this property makes a significant to the rich heritage character of the Louisa M. Harrison survey neighbourhood Plan 153.

## Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

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

- A one-and-a-half storey brick house with a medium gable roof with projecting eaves, plain fascia, verges and soffit.
- Single flue brick chimney.
- One-over-one windows with stone lug sills.
- Original four-panel wood Dutch front door with upper stain glass insert.
- Home of William Tight, one of the Barnardo Boys, who arrived in Canada more than 100 years ago and was placed on a farm in Esquesing.
- Contributes to the heritage character of the Louisa M. Harrison survey neighbourhood Plan 153.

## 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,

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

### Attachments

Appendix '1'\_Reasons for Designation \_ 74 Robert Street

Appendix '2'\_CHVI evaluation of \_74 Robert Street

Appendix '3'\_Photographic Record Heritage Attributes\_ 74 Robert Street

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.