

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

### BY-LAW NO. 046-2025

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 24 AND 26 JAMES STREET, TOWN OF MILTON, AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

**WHEREAS** Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-law to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council or the Corporation of the Town of Milton has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as, 24 and 26 James Street in the Town of Milton and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the Town website having general circulation in the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' attached hereto;

**NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton hereby enacts as follows:**

1. **THAT** there is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest, the real property known as the building located at 24 and 26 James Street, Milton, and legally described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto;
2. **THAT** the Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A', attached hereto, in the proper Land Registry Office;
3. **THAT** the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

**PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL ON APRIL 28, 2025.**

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Gordon A. Krantz Mayor

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Meaghen Reid Town Clerk

**SCHEDULE 'A' to BY-LAW NO. 046-2025**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PT LT 36, BLK 4, PL 6 , PT LT 38, BLK 4, PL 6 , AS IN 803628 ; S/T THE  
INTEREST(S) IN 523450, IF ANY ; MILTON

PT LT 36, BLK 4, PL 6 , PT LT 38, BLK 4, PL 6 , AS IN 744500 ; MILTON

## **SCHEDULE 'B' to BY-LAW NO. 046-2025**

### **Description of Property**

This historic house was the home of George Brown, Milton's first mayor. It was built around 1842 and located originally on Main Street. In 1870, James Alfred Waldie Senior moved it from 170 Main Street East, the current Knox Presbyterian Church, to its present site on 24 and 26 James Street. The Waldie family lived in this house for three generations and operated the Blacksmith's shop on the adjacent lot.

### **Physical Value or Design Value**

This one-and-a-half-storey semi-detached house has a low gable roof with a front gable dormer, protruding eaves and a plain soffit. The east elevation has a balanced, three-bay front faced with horizontal sidings. The central entrance has one stone step, a landing, and an overhead lean-to canopy with decorative metal trims. Single-leaf panel front doors have moulded trims, and an upper glass insert provides entry to each half of the property. Most original windows are two-sided, one-over-one, with plain trims and shutters. The original single-flue brick chimney is still on the house's southern side.

### **Historical Value**

This historic house, the home of Milton's first mayor, has a deep connection to the Waldie family. The Waldie family, spanning three generations, lived in this house and operated the adjacent Blacksmith's shop, a testament to their enduring legacy in our community.

The original lot, created by the Crown in 1853, was registered to John Martin and sold by his wife to James Hume that same year. Hume and his wife Sarah sold it to James Waldie Senior in 1867. The house was moved from Main Street to the current location around 1870. The property was mortgaged to William Murray and John McKindsey in 1875 and 1876; The Murrays conveyed the property to the McKindseys in 1881. In 1883, George McKindsey released the property back to Sarah Priscilla Waldie, wife of James Alfred Waldie Senior. The property has since remained with the Waldie family and housed three generations of blacksmiths. The property ownership passed on to Alfred Ethelred Waldie, his wife Edna Marie Wilkinson Waldie and James Franklin Waldie in 1970. The present owners are Marsha (nee Waldie) and Gayle Brown.

Alfred James Waldie Junior was a member of the Council in 1906. He was also captain of the Milton Fire Department and coach of the department's "Hook and Ladder" running team. His other memberships include the Odd Fellows Lodge, founding member of the Milton Rebecca Lodge, and Halton Agricultural Society.

The legacy of the blacksmithing profession is an important part of the history of Milton. The Waldie family shod horses, repaired wagons, manufactured farm implements, and horse-drawn carriages for the local community. Alfred Ethelred was the last member

of the Waldie family to operate the blacksmith shop, which he closed in the early 1970s's. Through the efforts of the Waldie family and the Milton Historical Society, the adjacent blacksmith shop at 16 James Street was restored and received heritage designation in 2015.

### **Contextual Value**

This house is physically and historically linked to the designated Waldie Blacksmith Workshop, an important part of the blacksmithing in Milton and links to Milton's settlement history.

### **Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes**

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

- A three bays, one and a half story semi-detached home with horizontal siding on a stone foundation
- The low gable roof with front gable dormer, projecting eaves, plain fascia and soffit
- Plain two-sash, two over two windows with wooden shutters
- Two identical single-leaf panel wood doors with moulded trims and glass inserts.
- Central entrance with a single stone step, metal canopy over both doors with no supports and decorative metal trims
- Single flue brick chimney on the south elevation
- Historical home of the first Mayor of Milton, George Brown and Councillor Alfred James Waldie Junior
- Contextually, this house is physically and historically linked to the designated Waldie Blacksmith Workshop, an important part of the history of blacksmithing and the settlement of Milton.