



# The Corporation of the Town of Milton

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Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: May 26, 2025

Report No: DS-030-25

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate - 91 Mill Street - Ellen Halcro House

**Recommendation:** **THAT** Staff Report DS-030-25 entitled: "Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate\_ 91 Mill Street\_ Ellen Halcro House" be received;

**THAT** Council recognizes the historic house at 91 Mill 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

- This one-and-a-half-storey clapboard house, built in 1877 by Ellen Halcro, is a significant contributor to the Mill Street neighbourhood heritage character. It was the home of George Bousfield who was the land developer of the Mountain View Park subdivision in Milton. Gayle Pearce added the east wing of the current house in 2010, and the Hoopers remodelled the existing two-car garage in 2019.
- 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

This one-and-a-half-storey clapboard house was built in 1877 by Ellen Halcro. It was the home of George Bousfield who was the land developer of the Mountain View Park subdivision in Milton. This property's contextual, historical and architectural significance is deeply rooted in its contribution to Mill Street neighbourhood heritage character.

### Discussion

The original lot was owned by the Nixon family in 1855. The property was sold to Ellen Halcro in 1877 when she built the house. Ellen was born in the northern part of Trafalgar in 1840. Her father, William Downs, emigrated from Ireland in the 1820s. Her mother, Millicent Downs, was born in Upper Canada in 1808. Ellen married Peter Halcro on November 20, 1872. Peter Halcro emigrated from Scotland and settled in Milton as a young tailor. Within a few years, he entered a partnership with William Bews, also a tailor at 224 Main St.,

After Ellen Halcro the property was owned by: Thomas Michie (1888); George Bousfield (1897); Ella and John Brandon (1906). George Bousfield was the land developer of the Mountain View Park subdivision in Milton. In 1913, he and his son Wray Bousfield registered Plan of Subdivision 154 -Mountain View Survey, part of "Old Milton." Bousfield sold the subject property to the Young family in 1909, who in turn sold it to John Lawrence Hardy in 1947. The property was passed on to Jack and Jean Hardy in 1954. It was sold to Gayle Pearce in 2003, who added the East wing of the house. They received a Heritage Award from the Town of Milton in 2010 for their efforts. The current owners are Richard and Susan Hooper. They remodelled the new two-car garage in 2019.

Physically, the historic cottage-style part of the house to the west of the property was clad with a four-inch clapboard. It has a medium gable roof, extended eaves, plain verges, and fascia. Subsequently, a kitchen with a lean-to roof was added to the rear. The single-leaf front door has a stained glass insert and a segmented arch transom. Windows are two over two with semi-arch trim and shutters. The single-flue brick chimney is still intact and located toward the center of the rear elevation of the historic house.

## Discussion

Malcolm Brekkie and Gayle Pearce completed the east wing of the existing house in 2010. The design of this addition sympathetically matches the historic style of the original house. The medium gable roof has projecting metal eaves, plain fascia, soffit, and frieze. A new double French door with arch transom accents the east wing addition.

Contextually, this early cottage style house served as the home of Ellen Halcro. It is also the house of George Edward Bousfield, the land developer of the Mountain View Park neighbourhood, a significant area in the history of Milton's development. The house contributes to the neighbourhood character of Mill Street. It is one of the earliest houses built in the Park Lots, John Martin Survey Plan #6, established in 1856.

### Character-Defining Elements / Heritage Attributes:

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

- The original massing of the one-and-a-half-storey clapboard house with projecting eaves, plain fascia and medium gable roof.
- Two over two windows with shutters, semi-arch trim and wooden lug sills
- Double leaf French door with arch transom
- Single-leaf wooden door with stained glass inserts and segmented arch transom
- Single flue brick chimney
- Historical home of George Bousfield, who was the developer of the Mountain View Subdivision
- The context of the historic home in preserving the heritage character of Mill Street.

### 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



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## Attachments

Appendix '1' - Reasons for Designation \_ 91, Mill Street

Appendix '2' - CHVI evaluation of \_91, Mill Street

Appendix '3' - Photographic Record Heritage Attributes\_91, Mill 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.