



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: June 23, 2025

Report No: DS-038-25

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate_ 30 Court Street North_ John Lyon House

Recommendation: **THAT** Staff Report DS-038-25 entitled: "Recommendation Report - Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate_ 30 Court Street North_ John Lyon House" be received;

THAT Council recognizes the historic house at 30 Court Street North 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 two-storey Victorian style frame residence was built in 1881 for John Lyon who was the postmaster. This property's historical, architectural, and contextual significance is deeply rooted in its contribution to the heritage character of Court Street North 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

This beautiful two-storey frame residence was built in 1881 for John Lyon, postmaster. It was one of the first homes to be built on Court St. North after Joseph Martin opened the road as an access to the Credit Valley Railway Station. The street was also sometimes referred to as Station Road.

Discussion

The original patent for Lot 14 was granted to Joseph Martin in 1826. In 1881, Joseph Martin's wife sold it to John Lyon who constructed this historic house. John's father, William Durie Lyon, was a merchant, Mayor of Milton (1862), Member of the legislature, Magistrate (1879), and postmaster of Milton. John Lyon succeeded his father as postmaster. He was listed in the Professional Directory of Ontario as a postmaster, a position he held until he died in 1892. During his father's busy career, John also operated the family store at the southeast corner of Charles and Main Street, which has since been demolished.

John's wife, Christina, sold it to Thruzie McCurdy in 1912, who later sold it to William Bradford Clements in 1938. Clements was a hardware merchant, bank manager, and municipal politician. The house was bought by Charles Stuart Lockie and his wife, Ruth Lockie, for \$2,500 in 1941. The Lockie family lived in this house for 50 years. Ruth sold the property to the present owners, Jeffrey Hugh Miller and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Miller.

Physically, the house itself was constructed by skilled craftsmen using tongue-and-groove pine siding. The house design has been maintained as closely as possible to its original design. The two-storey Victorian-style house features a medium hip roof, a single flue brick chimney, projecting eaves, brackets, a plain fascia, frieze, and soffit. The simple lean-to-roof entrance has a timber post frame, a wooden three-panel front entrance door with a three-panel arch transom and pediment surrounds. Windows are double-hung, two-over-two, with decorative trims and wooden lug sills. A box bay window adorns the front elevation, featuring double hung windows, moulded fascia, brackets, panel base and pediment surrounds.

Discussion

Contextually, this house contributes to the neighbourhood character of Court Street North. It is one of the earliest houses built in this neighbourhood.

Character-Defining Elements / Heritage Attributes:

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

- The original massing of the two-storey Victorian-style house with a medium slope hip roof, projecting eaves, brackets, plain fascia, frieze and soffit.
- Horizontal tongue-and-groove pine siding
- Simple Lean-to entrance porch with timber post.
- Double-leaf three panel wooden door with three-panel arch transom and pediment surrounds
- Double hung, two over two windows with decorative mouldings and wooden lug sills
- Box bay windows with double hung windows, moulded fascia, brackets, panel base and pediment surrounds
- Single flue brick chimney
- Historical home of John Lyon, postmaster of Milton
- The context of the historic home in preserving the heritage character of Court Street North neighbourhood

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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Attachments

Appendix '1'_Reasons for Designation _ 30 Court Street North

Appendix '2'_CHVI evaluation of _30 Court Street North

Appendix '3'_Photographic Record Heritage Attributes_30 Court Street North

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.