



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: December 18, 2023

Report No: DS-064-23

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate - 200 Martin Street - Walter Dickin House

Recommendation: THAT Staff Report DS-064-23 entitled: "Notice of Intention to Designate - 200 Martin Street - Walter Dickin House be received;

THAT Milton Council recognizes the historic house at 200 Martin Street in the Town of Milton as being of heritage significance;

THAT Milton 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

- 200 Martin Street is a two-storey brick building with a wrap-around verandah, unique decorative brick tiles, and enhanced "voussoirs extradors" (arches). Likely built in 1894, the property is an example of a late Victorian house transitioning into the Edwardian architectural style.
- The property's current owner has voluntarily responded to the heritage designation program and desires that their property be designated.
- This historic home is 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').
- 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

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Appendix 2). As such, it is worthy of designation under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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Background

200 Martin Street is a two-storey brick house that fronts onto Martin Street. The property contains a rear wing with a low hip roof. Built in 1894, the property is an example of a late Victorian house transitioning into the Edwardian architectural style. It has the smooth red brick, minimal ornamentation and box-like, two-storey massing characteristic of the Edwardian Classicism style.

The building at the rear of the property, originally a coach house, was converted into four rental units in 1967 and has lost its historical attributes and value.

Discussion

Historically, the Crown granted this property to John and Mary Dempsey in 1836. They were one of the earliest settlers in Milton. Their land was known as “Winding Sixteen Farm.” John and Mary were natives of County Armagh, Ireland and had six children. Their son, George Dempsey, opened a dry goods grocery, and hardware store at 168-184 Main Street East in 1855. George served as a member of the Milton Council in 1860 & 1861. The land stayed in the Dempsey family until the property was inherited by two nieces, Mary Patton and Matilda Patton.

The subject property was sold in 1893 to Walter B. Dickin and his wife, Elizabeth Marie, who built this house in 1894 and, likely, the barn-like structure (coach house) at the rear of the property. Mr. Dickin operated a butcher business at 188 Main Street and owned a building behind Mary Street, which he used as a stable for the business. In 1948, Harold Graham (Paddy) Wilson became its owner. Paddy owned and operated a butcher shop on Main Street and a slaughterhouse on the outskirts of Town. Mr. Dickin and Mr. Wilson's names are honoured on this house by the Milton Historical Society's plaque program.

Physically, the two-story Edwardian rectangular plan brick house sits on a stone plinth foundation. The roof is medium hip with brick chimneys, projecting eaves, plain fascia and soffits. The house is adorned with decorative frieze and roof brackets and corbels. The exterior smooth red bricks are of running bond and accented with unique decorative tile brick

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below the stone lug sills. A sympathetic extension was added to the rear of the building. The segmented arched brick voussoirs window openings have unique decorative extrados and display a high degree of craftsmanship in both design and materials. Windows are double-hung (initially with shutters), wooden sashes and plain stone lug sills. The main entrance is off-centre, with a two-leaf, four-paneled door with two upper glass inserts and a rectangular transom above the door. The wrapped-around verandah has tapered columns on brick pedestals, open railings and straight steps.

Character defining elements/heritage attributes for this property are:

- A two-storey brick Victorian/Edwardian-style house with a brick chimney.
- Medium hip roof with projecting eaves, plain fascia and soffits, decorative frieze brackets and corbels.
- Exterior smooth red bricks accented with decorative tile brick below stone lug sills.
- Windows openings have segmental voussoirs with ornamentat extrados above.
- Double-hung windows (initially with shutters), wooden sashes and plain stone slug sills.
- Entrance is off-centre with a two-leaf panelled door with two upper glass inserts and a rectangular transom
- Open wrapped-around verandah with tapered columns on brick pedestals, open railings and straight steps.

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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Commissioner, Development Services



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

Attachments

- Appendix '1'_Reasons for Designation for 200 Martin Street_ Walter Dickin House
- Appendix '2'_CHVI Evaluation_200 Martin Street
- Appendix '3'_Photographic Record Heritage Attributes_ 200 Martin 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.