

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

BY-LAW NO. 026-2024

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 71 MILL 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, 71 Mill 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 71 Mill 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 MARCH 25, 2024.

Gordon A. Krantz Mayor

Meaghen Reid Town Clerk

SCHEDULE 'A' to BY-LAW NO. 026-2024

Legal Description

LT 21, BLK 3, PL 6; TOWN OF MILTON

SCHEDULE 'B' to BY-LAW NO. 026-2024

Description of Property

71 Mill Street is a two-story, single-detached brick house that represents the popular Four Square architectural style with a wraparound verandah. A double garage, 4-season sunroom, back veranda that mirror the front verandah, updated wiring, new kitchen, and a new library/dining room were added to the original house.

Historical or Associative Value

John Martin registered the survey, where 71 Mill Street is located, in 1857. According to the local paper Canadian Champion, Thomas D. Hume built his new brick home on Mill Street in December 1905. Thomas Hume was born in 1868 on the family farm in Nelson Township, County of Halton. He was one of nine children born to George and Jane (Robertson) Hume, who had come from Scotland in 1849. He also owned 150 to 158 Main Street, the Hume Block.

Of historical note is that Mr. Hume opened the first moving picture theatre in Milton in 1912 at 156 Main Street, the Princess Theatre, later named Roxy Theatre. The frame buildings burned down just before Christmas in 1915. It was replaced in 1916 with a brick building. Thomas served on the Town Council and the Town Housing Commission. He was a member of St. Clair Masonic Lodge, Knox Presbyterian Church, and Milton Golf and Country Club president. In 1907, Thomas began construction on another home at 83 Victoria Street, where the Hume family later resided.

The property was sold to Victor Chisholm, a lawyer, in 1908. He began his law practice in Milton. In 1883, he became the partner of J. W. Elliot. Victor was appointed the Land Registrar for Halton County in 1913.

The property was sold to Dr. George Alfred King, a dentist who practices in Milton, serving the community for 41 years. His dental business was on the second floor of the Thompson House on Main Street. George also served on the Milton Council, the Milton and District High School Board and as an Elder at St. Paul's United Church. He served 32 years as the Clerk of the session. Dr. King was a member of the Milton Lawn Bowling Club, Milton Curling Club, and St. Clair Masonic Lodge. He passed away in 1976.

Physical or Design Value

Physically, this two-storey terra cotta brick house was built in 1905 by Thomas Hume. It is an excellent example of an Edwardian Foursquare style of architecture featuring a square floor plan with four rooms on both the first and second floors. The box-like massing with a large gable dormer on one side of the roof houses a generous attic. The bricks from this house are likely from the local Milton brickworks. The generous

verandahs feature classical Doric columns with entablature and chunky railings. The intricately carved railings around this house are unusual and maybe a later addition. The quality of these bricks remains apparent as, even though they are over 100 years old, they still look like new. The two wide front windows include a three-panel stained glass in their upper panes. A single smaller square window with stained glass on the ground floor provides light to the staircase or hallway.

Contextual Value

Contextually, it is one of the earliest houses built in the John Martin Survey (Plan No. 6) in 1853. This neighbourhood was one of the very early subdivisions in Milton that were created even before Milton was incorporated as a Town in 1857. This house contributes to the heritage character of this neighbourhood, which is seeing an increase in the number of designated heritage properties, potentially turning the neighbour into a future heritage conservation district.

Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

- Original two-storey terra cotta red brick house with plain and box-like massing
- A medium gable roof with an off-center gable dormer with projecting eaves.
- Wrap around open verandah with classical wooden Doric columns and entablature.
- Single leaf three panels entrance door with upper panel stain glass insert and mechanical doorbell.
- Wide three-over-one windows with upper stain glass panels, shutters, stone headers and lug sills
- Historical home of Thomas Davidson Hume, Victor Chisholm and Dr. George King
- Contextual value as one of the earliest houses built in the John Martin Survey (Lot G, Plan No.17) in 1855.