



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: March 25, 2024

Report No: DS-020-24

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate - 93 Victoria Street - David Watson Campbell House

Recommendation: **THAT Staff Report DS-020-24 entitled "Notice of Intention to Designate - 93 Victoria Street - David Watson Campbell House be received and;**

THAT Milton Council recognizes the historic house at 93 Victoria 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

- The David Watson Campbell house, at 93 Victoria Street in the Town of Milton, is a unique two-storey Victorian-era single detached white clapboard house built around 1877. The property received a Milton Heritage Award in 2008 for restoring the front porch.
- 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')
- 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

The house at 93 Victoria Street is a two-storey Victorian-Era residence built in 1877 for David Watson Campbell and his wife, Louise White. It is a white clapboard home with green painted aspects, which highlight the house's architectural features.

The land was first granted to George Brown from John Martin in 1855. George sold the property to William Laidlaw in 1872, who later sold it to David Watson Campbell, and his wife Louise in 1874. David Watson Campbell served as Milton's Councillor, Reeve and Mayor in 1880. The property remained with the Campbell family until 1951. The current owner, Ivan and Judy Hunter, bought the property in 1971. Its cultural heritage value and interest lies in its physical, historical and contextual value.

Discussion

This house is a beautiful example of a Victorian-era residence with some influence of the Italianate style. The front porch was restored in 2007 and received the Milton Heritage Award in 2008.

Historically, this residence was built in 1877 for David Watson Campbell and his wife, Louise. He came to Milton about 1866 and worked as a law clerk of Wm. Laidlaw Q.C. When William moved his office to Hamilton several years later, David Watson Campbell opened an office as a conveyancer. David married Louise White, daughter of John White, M.P. He was active in Milton's affairs, serving as Councillor (1878, 1891-1895), Reeve (1881) and Mayor (1880). He was appointed treasurer of Halton County in 1881 and served until his death. In 1882, he joined William Panton Jr. in a partnership publishing the Canadian Champion until his death in 1896. Mr. Campbell died at home in 1896. Dr. Howitt of Guelph, with local doctors Peter Stuart, David Robertson and R.K. Anderson in attendance, operated on him for appendicitis on April 1. It was one of the earlier operations of that type. He died the day following and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in the White family plot.

Physically, this house is a unique example of a Victorian-Era clapboard house with Italianate influence. Its asymmetric composition is capped with a mansard roof, an octagonal turret on the west elevation and an off-center hip roof on the front. Fancy roof brackets and trims are incorporated into the wide eaves surrounding the mansard roof. The four-panel single-leaf entrance door has two of its upper panels glazed. It is surrounded by triangular pediment trims on the exterior. The windows have decorated triangular pediment, louvered shutters and wooden lug sills. The interior of the building boasts ornate ceilings, an arch corbel, wide baseboard and a hardwood floor. However, the interior elements will not be the subject of this heritage designation.

Contextually, this property has contextual value as one of the earliest houses built in John Martin Survey (Part of Lot 11, Plan No.17) in 1855. This was one of the very early subdivisions in Milton that was created even before Milton was incorporated as a Town in 1857. The Martin Survey included houses North of Mill Street, East of Bronte Street North, west of Martin Street and south of Mill Pond. This house helps define, maintain, and support the heritage character of this neighbourhood.

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

- Massing of the two-storey Victorian-era clapboard house with asymmetrical composition and three stone chimneys
- Unique Mansard roof with an octagonal turret.
- Wide overhanging eaves with decorated roof brackets and trims
- Octagonal Turret on west elevation with decorated Roof Brackets, Bay Windows, and Louvered Shutters
- Wrap around front porch with decorative columns and plain balustrade
- Four panels front door with two upper glazed inserts and fancy pediment trims
- Two over two windows with triangular pediment, louvered shutters and wooden lug sills
- Historical value as the home of David Watson Campbell, past Councilor, Reeve and Mayor of Milton in 1880.
- Contextual value as one of the earliest houses built in the John Martin Survey (Part Lot 11, Plan No.17) in 1855.

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 for 93 Victoria Street_ David Watson Campbell House
- Appendix '2'_CHVI Evaluation_ 93 Victoria Street
- Appendix '3'_Photographic Record Heritage Attributes_ 93 Victoria Street

CAO Approval
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 HuronWendat 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.