



# The Corporation of the Town of Milton

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Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: June 3, 2024

Report No: DS-044-24

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate -193 Queen Street

Recommendation: **THAT Staff Report DS-044-24 entitled: "Notice of Intention to Designate - 193 Queen Street be received and;**

**THAT Milton Council recognizes the historic house at 193 Queen 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 house at 193 Queen Street in the Town of Milton is a unique clapboard siding building with twin cross gable roof and a gable dormer built in the Victorian Gothic style.
- 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 to 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

This unique two-story Victorian Gothic-style structure was built in 1856 and converted into a residence in 1877.

Its cultural heritage value and interest lie in its physical, historical, and contextual value. Physically, it is an excellent example of a two-story Victorian Gothic-style horizontal clapboard siding building with a unique twin cross-gables roof and a gable dormer. Historically, it was the first place of worship for the New Connexion Methodists Church and the Home of John Hunter, carpenter, builder, mill owner, and Town Councillor. Contextually, this property is one of the earliest structures built in the Foster Neighbourhood Plan for this significant part of Old Milton.

### Discussion

Historically, the congregation of the New Connexion Methodists erected this two-story structure as a sacred place of worship in 1856. Twelve years later, the congregation temporarily relocated to the Old Town Hall on 252 Main Street East as the building needed improvements. In 1877, at a church conference in London, Ontario, the denomination decided to join the Wesleyan Methodists, located on 123 Main Street, now Saint Paul's United. The same year, John Hunter bought this building and converted it into a home for his wife, Mary (Fletcher) and daughter, Charlotte.

John grew up in Ashgrove, northeast of Milton, where his father operated a store/ hotel called the Drake House. After training as a carpenter in Cleveland, he moved to Milton and formed a construction firm with his partner, John Ezard. They became the predominant contractors in the late 1800s, building many houses, including the Knox Presbyterian Church. In 1878, Hunter and Ezard with their business partner Appleby purchased the Milton Steam Sash and Blind factory on Mill Street, as illustrated in the 1877 Atlas of Halton County. John served on the Town Council from 1877 to 1879 and 1884 to 1888. He died in 1923.

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, the home was sold to pay for taxes. For the past 25 years, the house was the home of Andy Hartholt and his family. He bought the house from his father-in-law, Gus Tielemans. A native of Holland, Andy farmed near Cornwall, Ontario, before moving to Milton. They furnished their home with items original to the period.

Physically, this two-storey Victorian Gothic-style horizontal clapboard siding building has a unique twin cross-gables roof and a gable dormer. Two original one-storey bay windows at the front façade are still retained. Above the recessed entrance is a gable dormer with a door and balcony.

## Discussion

The property was significantly renovated in 2020, and most of the original windows and doors were replaced. However, the house retains its massing and form. The new owner has conserved most of the original hand-hewn beams, rafters and posts, which are now exposed in the interior.

Contextually, this house contributes to the heritage character of the Foster Survey neighbourhood (Plan 7), as one of the earliest structure built in this neighbourhood, and provides a link to the formation of this neighbourhood.

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

- Two-storey Victorian Gothic-style structure with horizontal clapboard siding
- Massing of the structure with a twin cross-gable roof
- Recessed entrance with gable dormer above
- One-storey bay windows at the front elevation
- Exposed hand-hewn timber beam at the ground and second floor
- Original timber rafters and posts exposed in the interior
- The first place of worship for the New Connexion Methodists Church and the Home of John Hunter, carpenter, builder, mill owner, and Town Councillor.
- A building by John Hunter and John Ezard who were prominent contractors in the late 1800s.
- Context of the building in the formation of the Foster Neighbourhood, Plan 7.

## 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



Commissioner, Development Services

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

#### Attachments

- Appendix '1'\_ Reasons for Designation for 193 Queen Street
- Appendix '2'\_ CHVI Evaluation\_ 193 Queen Street
- Appendix '3'\_ Photographic Record Heritage Attributes\_ 193 Queen 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.