



# The Corporation of the Town of Milton

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Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: September 9, 2024

Report No: DS-058-24

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate -11017 Guelph Line\_ Robert Meade House

**Recommendation:** **THAT** Staff Report DS-058-24 entitled: "Notice of Intention to Designate - 11017 Guelph Line\_ Robert Meade House be received and;

**THAT** Milton Council recognizes the historic house at 11017 Guelph Line 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 will be brought forward for Council adoption.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Robert Meade house built in 1863 was one of the earliest houses constructed in Haltonville, then known as Sodom in Nassagaweya Township.
- 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 and criteria set out in Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990), Ontario Regulation 9/06 (See

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

## REPORT

### Background

Robert Meade likely built this house in 1863. It was one of the earliest houses constructed in Haltonville, then known as Sodom in Nassagaweya Township.

Its cultural heritage value and interest lie in its physical, historical, and contextual value. Physically, it is a representative one-and-a-half-storey Ontario Cottage-style house with a low hip roof. Historically, it was the home of Dr. Letitia Sirrs-Meade, the first female doctor in Haltonville. Contextually, this property contributes to the character of Haltonville.

### Discussion

Historically, Robert bought the property from James McNain's wife in 1863 and likely built the house shortly after. He and his wife Mary had five children: John, Letitia, Hugh, Robert and Thomas.

Mary Meade, passed the house on to her daughter, Letitia Meade, in 1912. Letitia was a school teacher for seven years before starting a medical career. When Letitia graduated in 1891 with her Master of Surgery, she was one of 18 pioneer women doctors in Ontario. She returned to her family home and established her practice as the first female doctor in Haltonville. The house was also known as the medical professor's home in Nassagaweya Township. She married George Sirrs, a farmer, in 1893.

In 1919, Dr. Letitia left her practice to live in Walkersville, Ontario. The property was left to her only son, Elmer Jefferson Sirrs, who passed away in 1957. It was sold to Bartison G Day in 1959, John Harris Gordon (1961), Dorothy Jean Forbes (1972), Derrick Scott (1972), Elte Lathing Limited, Richard Foster (1975), and eventually to the present owners, Jennifer Flannigan and Bryce Black.

Physically, this simple one-and-a-half-storey Ontario Cottage-style house has a medium hip roof and protruding eaves. It was renovated and received new aluminum siding, but the original house's single-flue brick chimney and four-over-four windows are still intact.

This property has contextual value as one of the original settlement houses built in Haltonville. This home is shown on the 1877 Historical Atlas of Halton County.

## Discussion

### Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

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

- Massing of the historical one and a half storey medium hip roof house with protruding eaves
- Four over four windows with plain trims and stone lug sills
- Single flue brick chimney
- Historical home of Dr. Letitia Kean Sirrs nee Meade, one of 18 pioneer women doctors in Ontario and the first female doctor in Haltonville.
- Context of the house in the settlement history of Haltonville as shown in the 1877 Historical Atlas of Halton County.

### 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

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## Attachments

- Appendix '1'\_Reasons for Designation for 11017 Guelph Line
- Appendix '2'\_CHVI Evaluation\_ 11017 Guelph Line
- Appendix '3'\_Photographic Record Heritage Attributes\_ 11017 Guelph Line

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.