

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

BY-LAW NUMBER 117-2001

A By-law to designate property known as 2059 Ghent Avenue, in the City of Burlington, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, as a property having historical and architectural value and interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

File: 130 'lacac' (CD-131-01)

WHEREAS by Section 29(6)(a) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, chapter O.18, as amended, the Council of a municipality shall pass a by-law designating property to be of historical and architectural value and interest where no Notice of Objection to the designation has been served on the City Clerk within thirty days after the date of first publication of the Notice of Intention to Designate in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to Designate was published in a local newspaper and served on the owner of the property and Community Heritage Ontario by registered mail;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for the said designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection was served on the City Clerk of the City of Burlington.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT 2059 Ghent Avenue, being Part Lot 3, Plan 125 designated as Part 5, Plan 20R-12641 being PIN 07076-0346, in the City of Burlington, Regional Municipality of Halton, be designated as being of architectural and historical value and interest.
  
2. THAT the City Clerk be directed to cause a Notice of this Passing of this by-law to be published in a local newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

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3. THAT the City Clerk be directed to cause a certified copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of 2059 Ghent Avenue in the City of Burlington, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, and Community Heritage Ontario.
4. THAT this by-law shall take effect on the date of its registration in the Land Registry Office for the Land Registry Division of Halton (No. 20).

ENACTED AND PASSED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001

MAYOR

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Robert S. MacIsaac

CITY CLERK

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Kim Phillips

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**SCHEDULE “A”**

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

William Ghent registered his development survey plan in 1909, when he sold the Ghent Farm including its historic “Maple Lodge” homestead, built in 1854 (now 795 Brant Street), to the Edward Harmon family. The Harmons continued their fruit growing business through 1914/15, when this rural land was annexed by the Town of Burlington, until 1919, when they sold this Lot 3 to John and Elizabeth West, who were also farmers on Brant Street. The Wests built this house in 1921. In 1932 the property was sold to Earl Carter Thomas, a nursery grower. It remained in the Thomas family’s ownership for more than sixty years, when it was bought by a developer who subdivided the property, preserved this heritage house, and sold it to the present owners.

The large one-and-a-half-storey bungalow is a very fine example of the Craftsman Style. The high-pitch end-gabled roof is broken by a large gabled dormer. The decorative exposed rafter tails were individually cut by hand. The side gables, the front dormer gable, and a band under the eaves of the front elevation are all clad with wooden shingles. A tall brick chimney rises from the fireplace. There are many original interior Craftsman Style features. The lower level is clad with stretcher-bond brick. The windows on the front elevation are in groups of five or four; the east elevation includes an oriel window.

In the contemporary residential streetscape of Ghent Avenue, the West/Thomas House is a valuable landmark reminder of the farming origins of this area. The house is set on a deep lot with many vestiges of its former nursery garden use: many varieties of Euonymus, wild roses and other perennials, continue to thrive on the fertile ground.