

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

BY-LAW NUMBER ##-2023

A by-law to designate 496 Walker's Line, in the City of Burlington, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, to be of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, chapter O.18, as amended

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18 (as amended) authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 496 Walker's Line as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Burlington has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as 496 Walker's Line and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property in accordance with notice requirements under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the municipal heritage committee (Heritage Burlington) supports the designation of the property described herein; and

WHEREAS a Notice of Intention to Designate has been published in the Burlington Post on March ##, 2023 in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS no Notice of Objection has been served on the City Clerk of the City of Burlington; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule A to this By-law;

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

1. THAT the property at 496 Walker's Line, CON 3 SDS PT LOT 11, Roll Number: 2402070706149000000, City of Burlington, Regional Municipality of Halton, more particularly described in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B", is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
2. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property at 496 Walker's Line and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of

this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Burlington as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

4. That this by-law shall take effect on the date of its passing.

ENACTED AND PASSED THIS ##th day of #####, 2023.

MAYOR: _____

CITY CLERK: _____

SCHEDULE “A”

Description and Reasons for Designation: 496 Walker’s Line

496 Walker’s Line is recommended for designation pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 , the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under the criteria of design and physical, historical and associative and contextual values as described in the following Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

Legal Description:

496 Walker’s Line (CON 3 SDS PT LOT 11); City of Burlington, Regional Municipality of Halton. Roll Number: 2402070706149000000.

Description of Property:

The John Henry Walker Jr. House at 496 Walker’s Line is in the Dynes neighbourhood, on the west side of Walker’s Line, north of the intersection of New Street and Walker’s Line in the City of Burlington. The property consists of two-and-a-half storey red-brick house built circa 1913.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The property at 496 Walker’s Line has design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value. It meets criteria 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 9 under subsection 1 (2) of Ontario Regulation 9/06 (Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest).

Design or Physical Value:

The John Henry Walker Jr. House meets criterion #1 because it is a good, representative example of an Edwardian style house with some Queen Anne revival features including a varied roofline, asymmetrical façade, gables with wood-shingle decoration, neo-Palladian windows and wood dentils along the cornice. Between the two projecting frontispieces is a wrap-around porch with two entrance doors, classically styled wood columns atop brick pilasters and dentil detailing along the cornice. The property meets criterion #2 because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship, which is evident in the elaborate, semicircular and segmentally arched windows found throughout the building. They are decorated with hood moulds over brick voussoirs with stone keystones and stone lintels. The neo-Palladian style window openings and windows in the gables also display a high-degree of craftsmanship.

Historical or Associative Value:

The John Henry Walker Jr. House meets criterion #4 and has historical and associative value through its connection to the Walker Family, for whom Walker’s Line is named. The Walker family were early farmers and settlers who arrived in Nelson Township in 1816, 57 years before the Village of Burlington was formed. The property also meets criterion #5, since it yields

information about the historical community of United Empire Loyalists and their descendants. The Walker family's history in Canada dates to 1794, when William Walker immigrated from Orange County, North Carolina to Grimsby, Ontario during the American Revolution. His son Phillip Walker moved to Nelson Township (now Burlington) in 1816 and began farming. The current house was built circa 1913 for Philip's great grandson John Henry Walker Jr. and his wife Beatrice. The house was constructed on the original 1816 Walker farm property. John and Beatrice were the fourth generation to inherit a portion of the farm. John Henry Walker Jr. had three brothers: William Walker, who lived in the original farmstead (now demolished), Henry Walker, and Hiram Walker, whose house at 3292 New Street was demolished in 2015. It is believed that the John Henry Walker Jr. House is the only remaining Walker house in the area that used to be the original farm property.

Contextual Value:

The John Henry Walker Jr. House meets criterion #8, since it is physically linked to the surrounding lands, which are a remnant of the formerly extensive Walker family farm. Located a short distance from the front property line, the house is visually linked to Walker's Line. Houses both north west and south east of the property share a similar setback. The house is also close to Elwood Road, named after John and Beatrice's son Elwood.

The property meets criterion #9 because it stands out as a landmark in the streetscape. The house is prominently situated near the front property line. Its Edwardian characteristics like the classical front porch and its well-crafted details, like accented windows and fine brickwork, are distinguishing features not shared by other buildings on the street.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes that contribute to the design and physical value of the building and its contextual value as a landmark are its Edwardian and late Queen Anne revival style features including:

- Red-brick running bond exterior;
- Varied hip roof;
- Asymmetrical façade;
- Gables on façade and side elevation with wood-shingle decoration, neo-Palladian windows and wood dentils;
- Two-over-two wood windows on the front and side elevations;
- Wrap around porch with two entrance doors, wood columns atop brick pilasters and dentil detailing along the cornice;
- Semicircular and segmentally arched windows with hood moulds over brick voussoirs and rusticated stone sills;
- Stone keystones and stone lintels; and
- Brick chimney

The heritage attribute that contributes to the property's contextual value is:

- The location and setback of the house from Walker's Line and its proximity to Elwood Road

Sources

By-law 137-1992, City of Burlington

496 Walker's Line Supplementary Designation Information (1992) by J. Irwin

496 Walker's Line Designation Report by LACAC (n.d.)

LACAC Evaluation (1994)

Report on 3292 and 3276 New Street, City of Burlington Inventory

Turcotte, Dorothy.(1989) Burlington, Memories of Pioneer Days. Burlington Historical Society, Burlington, ON.

SCHEDULE "B"- HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES



Legend



Running Bond Exterior

Varied hip roof

Asymmetrical façade

Gables with wood-shingles, neo-Palladian windows and wood dentils

Two-over-two windows

Wrap-around porch and features

Semicircular and segmentally arched windows

Keystones & Stone Lintels



Legend

— Chimney