

Appendix B – Designation By-laws – DGM-79-25

The Corporation of the City of Burlington

City of Burlington By-law XX-2025

A by-law to designate 482 Elizabeth Street, 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

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WHEREAS section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, as amended (the “*Ontario Heritage Act*”), authorizes 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 of The Corporation of the City of Burlington (“Council of the City of Burlington”) to designate the property at 482 Elizabeth Street as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS Council of the City of Burlington has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as 482 Elizabeth Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property, and has caused the Notice of Intention to Designate to be posted on the City of Burlington’s website in accordance with notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS the Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee supports the designation of the property at 482 Elizabeth Street; and

WHEREAS Notice of Objection was served upon the Clerk of the City of Burlington within the prescribed time under the *Ontario Heritage Act* and was considered by Council of the City of Burlington; and

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

NOW THEREFORE Council of the City of Burlington hereby enacts as follows:

1. The property at 482 Elizabeth Street, more particularly described in Schedule “B” to this By-law, is 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 “B” 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 482 Elizabeth Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause

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notice of this By-law to be published on the City of Burlington’s website in accordance with notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

4. This By-law comes into force on the date of its passing.

Passed this 14th day of October, 2025.

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Deputy Clerk Lisa Palermo

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Schedule “A”

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Description of Property

The property is located at 482 Elizabeth Street in the City of Burlington. The property is located at the historic address of Lot 2 Block F of Wellington Square in the former Nelson Township. The property is located on the west side of Elizabeth Street, near the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Maria Street. The property contains a late 19th century residence with a rear addition from the 20th century.

Cultural Heritage Value

Design/Physical Value

The structure at 482 Elizabeth Street was built in 1873 and is a representative example of late 19th century Neo-Classical residential construction. The structure is a portrayal of the types of design and building materials that were available in the late 19th century to the upper-class homeowner or builder. The Neo-Classical style was popular in Ontario in the early to mid-18th century, taking much inspiration from Georgian architecture which preceded Neo- Classicism in popularity. The overall massing and fenestration of 482 Elizabeth Street displays the distinguishable elements of Neo-Classical architecture style. The residence at 482 Elizabeth Street is presently a vernacular interpretation of the style. While the residence is a simplified interpretation of Neo-Classicism, design elements are still present in the general massing, symmetrical layout of windows, and main entrance with pilasters, side lights, and transoms.

Historical/Associative Value

The property is historically associated with its use as a branch of the Burlington Public Library in the mid- 20th century. Originally built as a residence in 1873, the property began being used as a library in 1950. During its use as a library, the property was frequented by a significant influx of European immigrants following the Second World War. The library at 482 Elizabeth Street was used as a place to educate British war brides.

Contextual Value

The property has historical links with the property at 490 Elizabeth Street. Both structures were built for the same owner, James Laing. Laing was a wealthy aristocrat who had two residences built on Elizabeth Street: 482 Elizabeth and 490 Elizabeth. Laing also owned multiple lots in the former Nelson Township. James Laing and his wife Christina were the first to live in the residence.

Heritage Attributes

The following heritage attributes have been identified for the property at 482 Elizabeth Street.

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- Exterior elements that contribute to the design value of the property, including:
 - Symmetrical layout of windows located on the north, east, and west elevation exclusive of the addition to the south elevation
 - Main entrance with sidelights, transoms, and pilasters located on the north elevation
 - Two chimneys on the ridge of the roof on the gable ends visible from the north elevation
 - Brick construction located throughout the property exclusive of the addition to the south elevation
 - Rusticated stone foundation located throughout the property, exclusive of the addition to the south elevation
- Elements that contribute to the historical/associative value of the property, including:
 - Historical association as a former library branch between 1952 and 1970
- Elements that contribute to the contextual value of the property, including:
 - The residence's location on the west side of Elizabeth Street adjacent to 490 Elizabeth Street which shares historical links through their original owner, James Laing

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Schedule “B”

Legal Description

1. Municipal Address: 482 Elizabeth Street

Legal Description: Lt 3 & Pt Lt 2, Blk F, Compiled Plan PL92, as in 821999, Burlington; Being all of PIN 07067-0063 (LT)

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WHEREAS authority was granted by Council of The Corporation of the City of Burlington (“Council of the City of Burlington”) to designate the property at 490 Elizabeth Street as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS Council of the City of Burlington has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as 490 Elizabeth Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property, and has caused the Notice of Intention to Designate to be posted on the City of Burlington’s website in accordance with notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS the Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee supports the designation of the property at 490 Elizabeth Street; and

WHEREAS Notice of Objection was served upon the Clerk of the City of Burlington within the prescribed time under the *Ontario Heritage Act* and was considered by Council of the City of Burlington; and

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

NOW THEREFORE Council of the City of Burlington hereby enacts as follows:

1. The property at 490 Elizabeth Street, more particularly described in Schedule “B” to this By-law, is 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 “B” 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 490 Elizabeth Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause

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Deputy Clerk Lisa Palermo

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Schedule “A”

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Description of Property

The property is located at 490 Elizabeth Street in the City of Burlington at the historic address of Lot 1 Block F of Wellington Square in the former Nelson Township. The property is located on the west side of Elizabeth Street, at the south corner of the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Maria Street. The property contains a mid-19th century Neo-Classical style two-and-one-half storey residence.

Cultural Heritage Value

Design/Physical Value

The residence demonstrates design and physical value as a representative example of a mid-19th century Neo-Classical residence. Likely built in 1855, the residence contains distinguishable elements typical to this style including the overall massing with two-and one-half storey height and rectangular plan, the symmetrical front (east) façade with wood frame windows and central entrance surrounded by sidelights and fanlight. The property also contains a two-storey porch on the east facade with wooden pillars, paneled detailing, turned balustrade, and oversized dentils at the eaves. The west elevation also contains a two-storey porch of a similar composition and materiality, with an enclosed first storey.

Historic/Associative Value

The residence at 490 Elizabeth Street demonstrates historic and associative value for its connection to George Fisher, who purchased the property in 1888. George Fisher was a prominent businessman and president of the Burlington Canning Co which operated on the Burlington waterfront for over five decades. Fisher resided at the property into the 1920s.

Contextual Value

The residence demonstrates contextual value as it is historically linked to the adjacent structure at 482 Elizabeth Street. Both properties were built in the mid-19th century under the ownership of James Laing, an independently wealthy resident. The presence of the two structures and their historical relationship to each other is reflective of the mid-19th century settlement of Burlington’s core near Lake Ontario.

Heritage Attributes

The following heritage attributes have been identified for the structure at 490 Elizabeth Street.

- Exterior attributes that contribute to the design value include:

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- Two-and-one-half storey structure with rectangular plan, brick construction, and hip roof
- Symmetrical five bay organization of the front (north) façade with central entrance comprised of single entrance door with wood frame, pilasters, sidelight, transom, brick voussoir
- Rectangular wood sash windows with wood storm covers on the first storey of the north, east, and south facades
- Brick soldier courses on first storey windows on the north, east, and south facades and keystone details on the east façade windows
- 8/2 sash wood frame windows on the second storey of the north, east, and south facades
- Hip roof dormers with wood siding located on the east and south facades
- Two storey porch with wood pillars, paneled detailing, and wood balustrade located on the east façade
- Two storey porch with wood pillars, panel detailing, and wood balustrade on north facade
- Dentil detailing located on the eaves on all facades
- Brick chimney on the north façade
- Attributes that contribute to the historical and associative value include:
 - Historical association with owner George Fisher who was a prominent businessman who was president of the Burlington Canning Co. that operated in Burlington for over five decades
- Attributes that contribute to the contextual value include:
 - The residence's location on the west side of Elizabeth Street adjacent to 482 Elizabeth Street which shares its historical association having been built under the ownership of James Laing, an independently wealthy resident, in the mid-19th century

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Schedule “B”

Legal Description

- 1. Municipal Address:** 490 Elizabeth Street

Legal Description: Lt 1, Blk F, Compiled Plan PL92, Pt Lt 2, Blk F, Compiled Plan PL92, being the Nwly 37 feet; Burlington; Being all of PIN 07067-0062 (LT)

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