

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

BY-LAW NO. 17-19

BEING a by-law to designate the premises originally known as Forgie House, 65 Mill Street, Almonte, as being of architectural and historical value and interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Foundation Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon to be of architectural value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills has caused to be served on the owners of the dwelling situated at 65 Mill Street, Almonte, Ontario and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation Notice of Intention to so Designate the aforesaid real property and have caused such Notice of Intention to so Designate, to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value and interest, the real property known as 65 Mill Street, Municipality of Mississippi Mills, legally described as Part Lot 19A Section Shipman Survey Plan 6262 Lanark North Ramsay; Part Lot 8 Little Bridge Street Colin King Survey Plan 6262 Lanark North Ramsay; Part Lot B Section McIntosh Plan 6262 Lanark North Ramsay as in RS172665; S/T & T/W RS172665; Municipality of Mississippi Mills.
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-Law to be registered against the property described, in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause a notice of the By-Law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality.
4. That Schedule 'A' hereto attached shall form part of this By-Law.
5. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

BY-LAW READ, passed, signed and sealed in open Council this 7th day of March, 2017.

Shaun McLaughlin, Mayor

Shawna Stone, Clerk

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 17-19

65 Mill Street, Almonte (Municipality of Mississippi Mills)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Originally the Forgie House, 65 Mill Street is a three-storey mixed commercial/residential building on the commercial downtown street of Mill Street in the community of Almonte, in the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST:

The cultural heritage value mainly lies in it being a well-preserved example of the Italianate brick commercial building that comprises much of Mill Street. The exterior of this 1873 building is mainly red brick, and there is a shed style roof, sloping to the back. There is a wide elaborate architrave running at the top of the building, which visually joins the building with its immediate neighbours. In the early 1900s, there was a balcony running the length of the second storey, constructed of wood with many ornate details. While the original balcony did not survive, the current owners built a replica of this balcony, completed in 2015.

The upper stories have windows at regular intervals. The third storey has five windows across the front with a door in between the third and fourth window that leads to the upper porch. At the rear of the building, there are four windows across the third floor. The second storey at the front similarly has five windows and a door leading to the balcony in the centre. These doors have two panels, two double glazed panes above and double paned transom lights above them. The second storey rear has five windows across at the rear. The windows are two over two panes and have flat arch brick lintels over them. The modern windows mimic the original configuration but are made of triple glazed vinyl with awning style openings instead of the original sash style.

The cultural heritage value is also noted in its value to the community. The community was founded on the mill industry, and this building is recognized for housing mill workers. It is also at the centre of Mill Street, the downtown hub, and can be seen from the top (southern) end of Mill Street. From the upper levels, the downtown can be viewed from the balconies, and the river can be viewed from the upper levels at the rear. It also has contextual value, being joined to neighbouring buildings and providing a continuous look and feel of the streetscape.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES:

Key exterior attributes that embody the built heritage value of 65 Mill Street include:

- The red brick exterior with six stretchers between each row of headers
- The shed style roof, sloping to the back
- The wide elaborate architrave
- The replica second storey balcony
- The large two-over-two windows on the second and third stories