

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

BY-LAW NO. 26-047

BEING a by-law to designate the property municipally known as 198 Church Street in Almonte, locally known as the Snedden House, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS Section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the council of a municipality to designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest on the terms set out therein;

AND WHEREAS council for a municipality may only designate a property under Section 29 Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, if the property meets two or more of the criteria as prescribed under O.Reg 9/06;

AND WHEREAS 198 Church Street was evaluated against the criteria set out in O.Reg 9/06, and the Municipality's Heritage Advisory Committee and Council for the Municipality of Mississippi Mills determined that the property has cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to designate 198 Church Street as being of cultural heritage value or interest was published on the municipal website, having general circulation in the municipality on **June 11, 2026** and was also served on the owner of the property, and on the Ontario Heritage Trust, in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*,

AND WHEREAS no notice of the objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, and the time for filing such objections has passed;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills enacts as follows:

Designation of Property

1. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18 as amended, Council for the Municipality of Mississippi Mills hereby designates, as being of cultural heritage value or interest, the property:
 - (a) municipally known as 198 Church Street in Almonte;
 - (b) legally described as PLAN 6262 PT LOT 43 RP;26R1626 PART 1
 - (c) owned by Alexander and Elizabeth Gillis; and
 - (d) further described in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes as set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

Schedules Incorporated

2. Schedule "A" attached hereto are incorporated into and form a part of this By-law. A copy of this by-law can be viewed on the municipal website at www.mississippimills.ca.

Notice

3. The Clerk of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills is hereby authorized and directed to cause:
 - (a) a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the land described in section 1 of this By-law, on any person who objected to the designation, and on the Ontario Heritage Trust;
 - (b) notice of the passing of this By-law to be published on the municipal website for general circulation within the Municipality of Mississippi Mills;
 - (c) notice that any person who objects to the by-law may appeal to the Tribunal by giving the Tribunal and the Clerk of the municipality, within 30 days after the date of publication, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the Tribunal; and
 - (d) the property to be entered into the municipal register of designated properties in accordance with Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

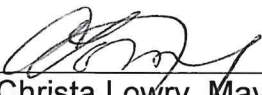
Registration

4. The Municipality's Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to register a copy of this Designating By-law to be registered on title to the property affected in the land titles office for the land registry office, after the 30 day appeal period.

Effective Date

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 11th day of August, 2026.


Christa Lowry, Mayor




Jeanne Harfield, Clerk

Written approval of this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-26-015 dated August 11, 2026.

Schedule “A” to By-law 26-047

Description of Property – Snedden House, 198 Church Street

The Snedden House is a stone structure constructed in 1866, located at the corner of Country and Church Steets, on an irregularly shaped lot.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of the Snedden House lies in the building being an excellent example of an Ontario Cottage, its associations with the Snedden family, who were prominent in Lanark County, and its contribution to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood.

The Snedden House was built in 1866 for William Snedden after he and his family left their farm in Ramsay Township to settle in town. The building has design value as an example of the Ontario Cottage, a housing form that became widely known through pattern books and publications like *The Canada Farmer*. Typically, Ontario Cottages are one and a half or two and a half storey three-bay structures with gable or hipped roofs. They remained popular from the 1840s until the late 19th century. True to its type, the Snedden House features a gable roof, is one and a half storeys in height, and has a three-bay façade with a distinctive round-arched window within the gable above the central door. It is constructed of stone set in uneven courses, and its four-over-four sash windows have stone voussoirs and lintels. The house has been conserved by successive owners, ensuring that it continues to be an important part of Almonte’s historic fabric.

The Snedden House has historical value because of its associations with the Snedden family. William Snedden, who built it, was the son of David Snedden, who arrived in the area in 1819, settling on Lot 24, Concession, Ramsay Township. Eventually nine Snedden families settled close by. After his arrival in town, William played a role in the community, serving as a Justice of the Peace.

The Snedden House has contextual value because of its location on the corner of Church and Country Streets, a gateway to the residential area that grew up around it in the later decades of the 19th century.

Description of heritage attributes

Key exterior elements that contribute to the heritage value of the Snedden House as an excellent example of an Ontario Cottage include:

- Rough-cut limestone masonry laid in uneven courses;

- Side gable roof with returned eaves, moulded soffit and frieze;
- Two masonry chimneys located at either end of the gable roof;
- Three-bay front façade with centre hall plan;
- Rectangular four-over-four sash windows with stone voussoirs and lintels;
- The narrow round arched, four-over-four windows with a semi-circular decorative fan carving located in the gable end;
- The rectangular transom window with a diamond motif above the front door.

Key contextual attributes that contribute to the cultural heritage value of the Snedden House include:

- The property's location at the corner of Church and Country Streets in a mixed neighbourhood that grew throughout 19th century buildings, including another Snedden House next door, built in the Queen Anne Revival style, popular in the 1880s;
- The property's large side yard.

Exclusions

The additions to the rear of the building and the detached garage are not included in this designation. The trim in the gable end (added in 20th century) is not included in this designation. The interior of the building is not included in this designation.