

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

BY-LAW NO. 26-027

BEING a by-law to designate the property municipally known as 103 Queen Street in Almonte, locally known as the Doctor's 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 103 Queen 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 103 Queen Street as being of cultural heritage value or interest was published on the municipal website, having general circulation in the municipality on March 6, 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 103 Queen Street in Almonte;
 - (b) legally described as PIN 052950044, PLAN 6262 LOT 1 PT LOT 12 PT; LOT 7 CLYDE.
 - (c) owned by Heather Landry and Jean-Philippe Landry; 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 5th day of May, 2026.



Christa Lowry, Mayor





Jeanne Harfield, Clerk

Written approval of this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-26-008 dated May 5, 2026.

Schedule “A” to By-law 26-027

Description of Property – Doctor’s House, 103 Queen Street, Almonte

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of the Doctor’s House lies in the building’s being an excellent example of an Italianate style house, the house and office of William Mostyn, one of Almonte’s first doctors and a community leader, its historical associations with many of Almonte’s doctors, and its contribution to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood.

The Doctor’s House was constructed in 1868 – 69, one of several stone structures built in Almonte that year. The building has design value as an excellent example of the Italianate style, which was at the height of its popularity in Canada from the 1850s until the 1880s. It is comprised of two sections with the house portion facing Queen Street and the Doctor’s Office facing Clyde Street. Features of the building that identify it with the Italianate style include its limestone masonry with stone quoins, voussoirs and windowsills, three-bay front façade with side hall plan, tall sash windows bracketed eaves and its entrance portico.

The Doctor’s House has historical value as an early purpose-built medical office, constructed during a period in which the practice of medicine in Canada was becoming increasingly professionalized. With the establishment of medical schools, physicians received formal education in therapeutics, anatomy and physiology, surgery, midwifery, and contagious diseases. As a result, these practitioners required dedicated facilities to provide treatment for their patients.

The Doctor’s House also has historical value as the home and office of Dr. William Mostyn, Almonte’s first physician. Mostyn was typical of professional men of the 19th century and was deeply involved in his community, serving as an MPP, a school trustee and a member of many boards. In addition, he was active in the eastern Ontario Branch of the Medical Council.

The Doctor’s House has contextual value because of its location on Queen Street, in the area formerly known as “Professional Alley.”

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior elements that contribute to the heritage value of the Doctor’s House as an excellent example of the Italianate style include:

- Rough-cut limestone masonry laid in uneven courses;
- Shallow hipped gable roof with deep returned eaves with regularly spaced single and paired brackets (main house);
- Three-bay front façade with a side hall plan;

- Flat roofed enclosed portico (constructed after the completion of the house).
- Details of the portico include:
 - Flat roof with a wide cornice with corner brackets,
 - Multipaned transom windows and 18 over one windows in the double entrance doors
- Rectangular ground floor sash windows with stone voussoirs and lintels
- Round-arched second storey six paned sash windows, also with stone voussoirs and lintels
- Tall slender round-arched eight paned window with stone voussoirs and lintel on the Clyde Street façade, to light the stairs inside
- The Doctor's Office wing, a one and a half storey rectangular structure with a shallow gable roof.

Details of the Doctor's House that contribute to its heritage value as a dual-purpose building include;

- The wing containing the Doctor's Office
- Offset doorway
- Irregular fenestration pattern of four-over-four rectangular windows with stone voussoirs and sills flanking a slender four paned window with stone voussoirs and lintel on the ground floor and two small windows above on the Clyde Street facade

Key contextual attributes that contribute to the cultural heritage value of the Doctor's House include:

- The property's location at the corner of Queen and Clyde Street, near noteworthy 19th century buildings, including St. Paul's Anglican Church and Rectory, the Registry Office and the Wylie House
- The property's large side yard

The additions to the rear of the building, including the garage and pool house are not included in this designation. The interior of the building is not included in this designation.