

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS

**198 Church Street**

IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS,  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust  
The Ontario Heritage Centre  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3  
[registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca](mailto:registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca)  
Attention: Provincial Heritage Registrar

**Notice of intention to designate: 198 Church Street**

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills intends to designate **198 Church Street** as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

**Description of the property**

The legal description of the subject property is PLAN 6262 PT LOT 43 RP;26R1626 PART 1.

**Statement of cultural heritage value or interest**

The subject property is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* because it meets **five** of the nine prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 as amended by Ontario Regulation 569/22. The heritage attributes of **198 Church Street** display: design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual value.

The subject property meets **Criteria 1** because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method. The Snedden House has design value as a representative example of an Ontario Cottage, a house type popular in rural areas and small towns in the 19th century. It is a three bay one and a half storey stone structure with a gable roof and a large central gable over

the front door with a tall, narrow, round arched window with a carved fan motif in the arch. The roof has returned eaves and deep soffits. The building features large four over four rectangular double hung sash windows with stone voussoirs and sills, and the front door has a rectangular transom with a diamond-shaped light.

The subject property meets **Criteria 4** because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community. The Snedden House has historical value for its association with the Snedden family, Scottish settlers in Ramsay and Beckwith Townships, Lanark County, who were among the area's first arrivals from the British Isles. Encouraged by free land, they endured long journeys and initial hardship. The extended family's history in the area and across Canada and the United States, as they moved and prospered is an excellent example of the experience of many Scottish immigrants after they left Scotland to find a better life in Canada.

The subject property meets **Criteria 5** because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture. The Snedden House has historical and associative value because it illustrates the transformation of Almonte from a tiny community in 1819 to a centre of the textile industry by the end of the century. The rapid growth of the town as a mill town, the arrival of workers to the town, the increasing success of the surrounding agricultural area made Almonte an important centre in Lanark County. By 1866, when the house was built, Almonte could offer services attractive to a farmer retiring to town, including a doctor, dentists, regular rail service to Ottawa and other destinations, churches of many denominations and good shopping.

The subject property meets **Criteria 7** because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area. The Snedden House has contextual value because it is important in defining the residential character of this neighbourhood, located southeast of the historic downtown core of Almonte. The area is characterized by its high concentration of 19th and early 20th century houses, built for the town's emerging middle class.

The subject property meets **Criteria 9** because it is a landmark. The Snedden House, as a well-known historic building, located at a well-known intersection and access route to the town, is a landmark within the community.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The following key exterior elements that contribute to the heritage value of **198 Church Street**, the Snedden House, as an example of an Ontario Cottage, and should be

considered as heritage attributes in a designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 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 former Church Street School include:

- The property's location at the corner of Church and Country Streets in a mixed neighbourhood that grew throughout 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Attributes Not Included in this Designation**

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 20<sup>th</sup> century) is not included in this designation.

The interior of the building is not included in this designation.

It is intended that non-original features may be returned to the documented earlier designs or to their documented original state without requiring Council to amend the heritage designation by-law.

A more detailed description of the property's cultural heritage value can be found in the staff report to the Heritage Advisory Committee dated April 1, 2026, which can be viewed at [calendar.mississippimills.ca/council](https://calendar.mississippimills.ca/council) by selecting the date of the meeting.

### **Notice of Objection**

Any person may send a notice of objection to this proposed designation, 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention, before 4 p.m. on **Saturday, July 11, 2026**. This notice must be sent by registered mail or delivered to the Clerk of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills and must set out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills shall consider the objection and make a decision whether or not to

withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property within 90 days after the end of the 30-day objection period. If Council decides not to withdraw its intention to designate, a heritage designation by-law must be passed within 120 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention to designate. Council must publish a Notice of Passing of the designation by-law which is followed by a 30-day appeal period when appeals of the by-law may be given to the Ontario Land Tribunal for a hearing and decision.

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Notice dated: June 11, 2026