

Notice of Intention to Pass a By-Law to Designate 1 Godfrey's Lane to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest Pursuant to the Provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18)

Take Notice that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga intends to pass a by-law under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, to designate the lands and premises located at 1 Godfrey's Lane in the City of Mississauga, in the Province of Ontario as of July 29, 2026 (HAC-0055-2026).

1 Godfrey's Lane is located in Port Credit Ontario just southwest of the downtown core. Godfrey's Lane is a long, narrow laneway that extends south from Lakeshore Road and terminates near Lake Ontario. The property is located midway along the lane on the southwest side. The Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens, municipally owned parkland, surround the subject property at the north, south, and west. To the northeast are the side and backyards of a residential neighbourhood oriented towards Ben Machree Drive. The house was constructed in 1915 for James Walker.

HERITAGE VALUE OF HISTORIC PLACE

Design Value

The house is representative of the Bungalow style that became popular in Canada in the 1910s, particularly used for residential dwellings by the middle class and wealthy. The predominant architectural feature is the large credit valley verandah that is enclosed by glass, and which faces south towards Lake Ontario. In the tradition of waterfront properties, the front elevation always faced the lake. The verandah is a classic Bungalow style element.

Historical Value

The property has a direct association with theme of summer homes and a recreational culture established by the urban or Toronto elite to find an escape from the city near the lakeshore and in undeveloped lands. The association is also present as a result of the prominence of the automobile and its use by the wealthy that made access to these summer homes easier. This theme is significant to the understanding of the history of Port Credit and how it developed not only as an important port/harbour but also transitioned to a town with a robust tourism industry in the early 20th century.

The house reflects the work of the architect Murray Brown. It is an early example of one of Brown's design for a house form; it is one his earliest residential designs after arriving in Canada. Brown is known for his design of prominent theatres in Toronto. His designs also reflected the popular styles of the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. He had the formal training and design skills to cater to the wishes and desires of his clientele.

Contextual Value

The built form is an example of a summer home of Toronto's elite. This type of house has otherwise largely been demolished in the area. The evolution of the surrounding context has remained sympathetic to the original context of the subject property, such that the character of the area as a quaint cottage property removed from the bustle of urban life is intact. Godfrey's

Lane provides access and has not been widened and therefore remains legible as a narrow access road to the private residential properties near Lake Ontario. Surrounding municipal parklands insulate the subject property from suburban encroachment and provide protection to both manicured landscapes and naturalized landscapes.

The subject property understood in relation to its surrounding landscape context supports its early historical character as cottage country. It supports the historic connection to the area's early 20th century use as a cottage for Toronto's elite. The siting of the subject property and the continued relationship of its setting within the broader landscape of Lot 13 visually links the property to its original use.

The evolved setting has remained intact despite suburban changes around it. Although municipal parkland, the surrounding landscape is evocative of the landscape when the house was constructed and reflects its location within a naturalized environment close to Lake Ontario.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The following are the identified heritage attributes of 1 Godfrey's Lane:

- Size and massing of the original house with exterior walls a mix of Credit Valley stone and stucco
- Location of the house on Godfrey's Lane, a rural-style narrow laneway
- Location and orientation of the house facing Lake Ontario but set within a more naturalized setting
- Large medium pitch roof, which extends to cover verandah
- Enclosed verandah
- Shed dormer on the primary elevation
- Random rectilinear casement windows with Classical detailing
- Two Credit Valley stone chimneys, which are oriented perpendicular to each
- Stone windowsills and lintels

Further information respecting the notice of intention to designate the property is available from the municipality upon request at heritage.planning@mississauga.ca or 905-615-3200, ext. 4061.

Any notice of objection to this notice of intention to designate the property, setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts, must be served upon the City Clerk within 30 days of the first publication of this notice. **Notice of objection to the designation may be served on the City no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 3, 2026** to the following address: City Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Mississauga, 300 City Centre Drive, 2nd floor, Mississauga, ON, L5B 3C1.

Dated at the City of Mississauga
This 4th day of August, 2026

Diana Rusnov, City Clerk
City of Mississauga