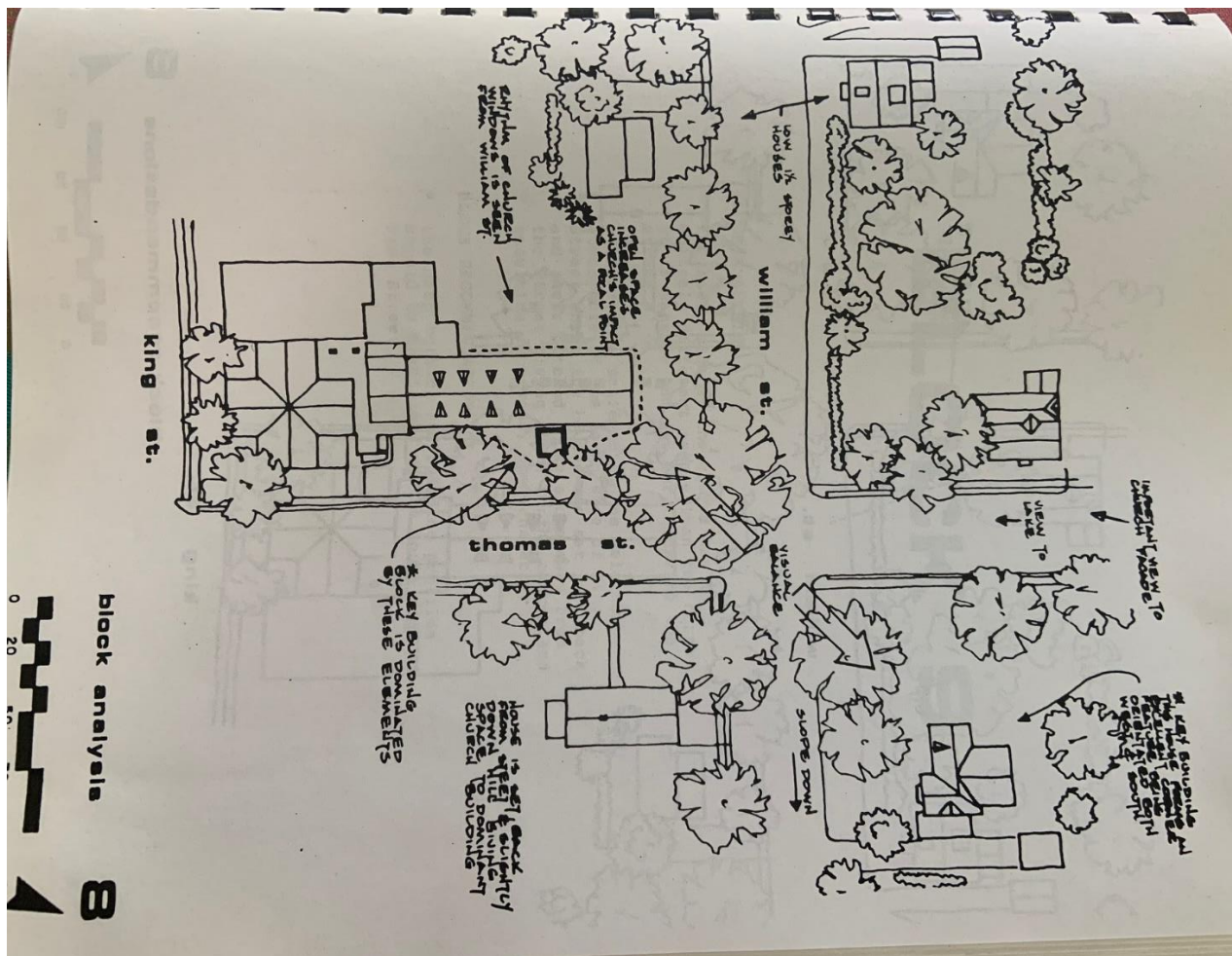


Block 8 – Streetscape Character

Source: 1982 Old Oakville Heritage District Plan

St. Jude's Church is identified as a key building on the Block. The Church facade and tower, with their interesting massing, colours and textures, dominate this entire block. The rhythm of windows on the roof can be seen from both William and Thomas Streets. The large open space around the church emphasizes and complements its role as a focal point. The north-west corner of William Street is open and lacks definition. Good balance is achieved between the north-east and south-west corners with a similarity in materials and setback. The church facade and tower are the focus for this section and any new development should recognize this and preserve site lines and open space related to the church. Open space on the south side of William increases the Church's impact as a focal point and enables rhythm of windows on the roof to be visible. The home at 65 Thomas Street is identified as a key building that forms an excellent corner feature being oriented both west and south. The house at 53 Thomas Street is noted as setback from the street and slightly downhill giving space to the dominant church building. The two homes on William Street in this block are noted as low 1 1/2 storey and are built close to the street.



OLRA Working Group Observations

The original block structure as mapped has been maintained.

The balance between the north-east and south-west corners with similarity in materials and setback has been maintained. The open space and gardens around St. Jude's Church reinforce a peaceful, pedestrian friendly area. Important to understand zoning associated with this open space and potential risks associated with redevelopment

Several mature trees (beech, maple and oak) frame the streetscape and are visible in many of the backyards of the heritage homes.

All of the homes and the church in this block date to origins in 1800s with the exception of the new build at 180 William Street.

Important to note that the two streets in this block have historic significance in terms of their names - William after the Town's founder William Chisholm and Thomas after Merrick Thomas who first served as a general manager under William Chisholm, who was running a mercantile and lumber business in Nelson, Ontario and then moved to Oakville to be in charge of developing the new settlement in Oakville owned by Chisholm. Thomas was married to Chisholm's sister.

St. Jude's' Church is identified as a key building on the Block.





*View looking east along William from Thomas – 53 Thomas on South; 65 Thomas on North
View looking west towards corner of Thomas and William Street*





Corner of William and Thomas – visual balance noted in Block Analysis





Views looking east along William Street – North Side 145 and South Side 148





Open space in the interior lot increases Church's impact as a focal point and provides tranquil welcoming space

Various additions over time are sympathetic to and complementary with





Northwest corner of Thomas and William

Overgrown vegetation - missing visual balance opportunity with house opposite at 53 Thomas Street