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Re: Council Resolution - Notice of Intention to Designate 709 King Street West  
under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

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Dear Waterloo region District School Board,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener at its regular meeting held Monday, August 26, 2024, passed the following resolution:

"That pursuant to Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the Clerk be directed to publish a Notice of Intention to Designate the property municipally addressed as 709 King Street West as being of cultural heritage value or interest, as outlined in Development Services Department report DSD-2024-330."

Attached is a copy of Development Services Department report DSD-2024-330, dated July 19, 2024, as well as a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for 709 King Street West and a description of the heritage attributes related to the property to be protected. Also attached is a copy of the Notice of Intention to Designate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jessica Vieira, Heritage Planner at 519-741-2200 ext. 7291.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Mariah Blake".

Mariah Blake  
Committee Coordinator

cc: Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust  
Jessica Vieira, Heritage Planner  
(cc'd parties by email only)



IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18, AS AMENDED, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS(ES) IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

#### **NOTICE OF INTENTION**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener intends to designate the following municipal address as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended.

#### **113-151 Charles Street West / 170-180 Joseph Street / 3-44 Francis Street South**

113-151 Charles Street West / 170-188 Joseph Street / 3-44 Francis Street North (Lang Site A) is recognized for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual values. The complex of approximately 15 interconnected former industrial buildings range in height from one to five storeys, which were built between 1896 and 2012, and are representative of the Industrial Vernacular architectural style that reflects the evolution of the tanning industry. The historical/associative values relate to early settlement, the Six Nations, Joseph Brant, Colonel Richard Beasley, Pennsylvania German Mennonites, the first permanent non-native settlement (now Kitchener), the German Company Tract, the Township of Waterloo, German speaking immigrants, Berlin as the County seat for the County of Waterloo, the Grand Trunk Railway (GTR) extension, the leather tanning industry, and Reinhold Lang. The contextual values relate to the contribution that the complex of buildings make to the continuity and character of the adjacent streetscapes and the overall Warehouse District. The buildings are historically and visually linked to their surroundings, including: the last fully intact smokestack in Kitchener, other industrial buildings, former homes of industrial workers, the railway line, and the Warehouse District. The complex of buildings is recognized as a significant landmark.

#### **83-85 King Street West**

83-85 King Street West is recognized for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual values. The property demonstrates design or physical value as an early and rare example of 20th-century, commercial brick building built in the Vernacular Classic Revival architectural style. The historical/associative values relate to the direct association with early development of King Street West in what is now referred to as Downtown Kitchener. The contextual value of the property relates to its location and proximity to adjacent commercial buildings that share the same Vernacular Classic Revival architectural style and almost identical heritage attributes. The property also contributes to the character of the King Street West streetscape and Downtown Kitchener.

#### **87-91 King Street West**

87-91 King Street West is recognized for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual values. The property demonstrates design or physical value as an early and rare example of 20th-century, commercial brick building built in the Vernacular Classic Revival architectural style. The historical/associative values relate to the direct association with early development of King Street West in what is now referred to as Downtown Kitchener. The building is also associated with early (1865) railway companies (Express Office, Canadian Express Office and Canadian National Express Office). The contextual value of the property relates to its location and proximity to adjacent commercial buildings that share the same Vernacular Classic Revival architectural style and almost identical heritage attributes. The property also contributes to the character of the King Street West streetscape and Downtown Kitchener.

#### **97-99 King Street West**

97-99 King Street West is recognized for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual values. The property demonstrates design or physical value as an early and rare example of 20th-century, commercial brick building built in the Vernacular Classic Revival architectural style. The historical/associative values relate to the direct association with early development of King Street West in what is now referred to as Downtown Kitchener. The building is also associated with J.D. Miller and C.H. Hohmeier dry goods business that operated in this location between c. 1912 and c. 1936. The contextual value of the property relates to its location and proximity to adjacent commercial buildings that share the same Vernacular Classic Revival architectural style and almost identical heritage attributes. The property also contributes to the character of the King Street West streetscape and Downtown Kitchener.

#### **103-109 King Street West**

103-109 King Street West is recognized for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual values. The building is a representative example of the Classic Revival architectural style in good condition. The historical/associative value relates to the building, Christian Huehn, who was the founder of Fischman Spring Company and presented the City with the site for St. Mary's General Hospital. The building is also associated the Freemasons community presence in the City of Kitchener, being the former home to Grand River Lodge 151. The contextual value of 103-109 King Street West relates to its contribution in maintaining the commercial character of the surrounding area, as well as its physical, visual, and historical link to its surroundings.

#### **709 King Street West**

709 King Street West is recognized for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual values. The existing portion of the school which fronts onto King Street West is a representative example of the Neo-Classical architectural style in good condition which has experienced only minor modifications. The subject property is directly associated with the local school board and themes of education and population growth within the area, as well as notable educators such as Janet Metcalfe. It is the second longest operating grade school with the City and has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of the development of the education system and population growth within Kitchener. 709 King Street West has contextual value as it is physically, functionally, and historically linked to its surroundings and maintains and supports the character of the area.

#### **148 Madison Avenue South**

148 Madison Avenue South is recognized for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual values. The property demonstrates design/physical value as a rare and unique example of a mid-20th century church built in the Romanesque architectural style with many intact heritage attributes in good condition. The historical and associative values relate to the original owner (Catholic School Board), original and current congregation (St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church), original pastor (Monsignor R. M. Haller), architect (Bernal A. Jones) and builder (Ball Brothers Ltd). The contextual value relates to the continuity and character of the Courtland Avenue East and Madison Avenue South streetscapes. The property is also historically, functionally, and visually linked to the former St. Joseph's Catholic School, and the St. Joseph's rectory.

#### **1738 Trussler Road**

1738 Trussler Road is recognized for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual values. The property demonstrates design/physical value as a representative example of a late 19th century brick farmhouse built in the Ontario Gothic Revival architectural style. The property has historical/associative value due to its history and association with early settlement, Daniel and Jacob Erb, Joseph Bamberger, John Chapman, Reuben Eby, Simon Hallman, Ida Hallman, and the Trussler family. The contextual values relate to how the property helps to maintain and support the rural character of the area. The farmhouse remains on its original location and is visually and historically linked to its surroundings, especially the adjacent property where the original barn and driveway still stand.

#### **171-173 Victoria Street North**

171-173 Victoria Street North is recognized for its design/physical and historical/associative values. The property demonstrates design/physical value as rare example of a late 19th century prestigious semi-detached dwelling built in the Italianate architectural style. The property municipally addressed as 171-173 Victoria Street North has historical/associative value due to its history and association the late Ian MacNaughton and his planning firm MHBC – MacNaughton Hermesen Britton Clarkson Planning Limited.

The full Statements of Significance, containing a list of the heritage attributes, is available in the Office of the City Clerk by contacting [clerks@kitchener.ca](mailto:clerks@kitchener.ca) during normal business hours. Any person may send by Registered Mail, or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Kitchener, notice of their objections to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for objection and all relevant facts, to be received by the Clerk no later than the 29 day of September, 2024. If a Notice of Objection is received, the matter will be referred to the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener for consideration.

Dated at Kitchener the 30 day of August, 2024.

Amanda Fusco  
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