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NOTICE OF PASSING OF HERITAGE DESIGNATION BY-LAWS UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following by-laws on February 25, 2025, designating the properties below as having cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

By-law No. 25-003 – 16 Byng Avenue

The property at 16 Byng Avenue, known as “Kirkmichael”, features a one-and-a-half-storey limestone residence built circa 1832 in the Regency architectural style. It was originally part of a planned estate by William Dickson, founder of Galt, and later owned by William Dickson Jr. It is the last remaining structure from the Dickson estate. Significant features include limestone construction, a low-pitched hipped roof, wrap-around porch, and original casement windows.

By-law No. 25-004 – 252 Dundas Street North

The property at 252 Dundas Street North includes the Gore Mutual Building (1935, with a 1955 addition) and a historic stone retaining wall. The building is an early example of Neo-Georgian architecture designed by Ferdinand Herbert Marani. It features granite fieldstone, Queenston limestone detailing, and a prominent hilltop setting overlooking Soper Park. The site is associated with Gore Mutual, Canada’s longest-operating mutual insurance company. The stone retaining wall, originally part of Dr. Augustus Soper’s estate, contributes to its historical significance.

Any person may appeal these by-laws to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) by notifying the Ontario Land Tribunal and the Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge in writing within 30 days after the publication of this notice.

For more information, contact:
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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BY-LAW 25-003

Being a by-law to designate the property known municipally as 16 Byng Avenue, as being of cultural and heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

WHEREAS section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge has caused to be served upon the owner of the property at 16 Byng Avenue, Cambridge, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused such Notice to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality,

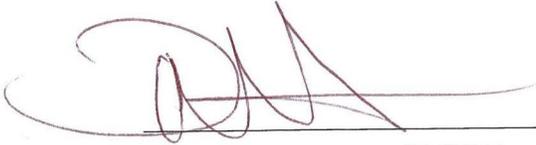
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Cambridge enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the property located at 16 Byng Avenue, Cambridge, and legally described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The designation is limited to the exterior of the property, and no elements of the interior are included in this designation.
2. **THAT** the reasons for designation including a description of the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of its heritage attributes, are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of the by-law.
3. **THAT** the City of Cambridge is hereby authorized to serve a copy of this by-law to the owner of the property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Cambridge.
4. **AND THAT** it is Acknowledged and Directed that the City Solicitor, or their designate, be authorized to register electronically any and all documents in connection with this transaction.

PASSED AND ENACTED this 25th day of February, 2025.



MAYOR



CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"
TO BY-LAW 25-003
of the
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Legal Description of the Property

PART LOT 19, PLAN 291, PART 1, PLAN 58R-20441; CITY OF CAMBRIDGE,
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO.

SCHEDULE "B"
TO BY-LAW 25-003
of the
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Description of Property

The property is situated on the west side of Byng Avenue, and bounded by Lansdowne Road South to the west, George Street South (upper plateau) to the east, and St. Andrews Street to the south. A laneway (Laneway 163) runs directly to the west of the property. The subject property is set within a historically significant area, east of Kitchener and west of the Grand River.

The property features a one-and-a-half-storey stone residence constructed circa 1832 in the Regency architecture style. Known as "Kirkmichael," the house was originally designed as a gatehouse for a larger estate planned by William Dickson, the founder of Galt. The residence is set back from Byng Avenue, creating a visually distinctive relationship to the streetscape.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

1. Design and Physical Value

The Residence is a rare and well-preserved example of Regency architectural style, characterized by its low-pitched hipped roof, wrap-around porch, and symmetrical façade. The building is constructed using locally sourced limestone in a broken course pattern with padded joints, showcasing traditional masonry techniques. Other significant architectural features include prominent limestone cornices, stone voussoirs above the main entrance, four segmental dormers, and a yellow brick chimney. The main entrance features an elliptical transom, sidelights, and a decorative tracery, while the building's casement-style windows retain their original 24-pane design.

2. Historical and Associative Value

The property is historically significant for its association with the Dickson family, who played a pivotal role in the establishment and development of Galt, now part of Cambridge. The residence was constructed for William Dickson, the founder of Galt, and served as part of the family's extensive estate. Named, "Kirkmichael" after the family's Scottish heritage, the property is a tangible link to the area's

early settlement and the economic prominence of the Dickson family. Following William Dickson's relocation to Niagara in 1837, ownership transferred to his son, William Dickson Jr., a major landowner in the region.

3. Contextual Value

The property at 16 Byng Avenue is an integral part of the historical streetscape. Its significant setback and architectural prominence contribute to the character of the surrounding area. The residence, as the last physical remnant of the Dickson estate, reinforces the area's historical identity as a key site in the early development of Galt.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 16 Byne Avenue include:

- The significant setback from Byng Avenue, creating a distinct relationship with the streetscape.
- All four exterior elevations designed in the Regency architectural style.
- The use of locally sourced limestone in a broken course pattern with prominent padded joints.
- The large limestone cornices accentuating the façade.
- Stone voussoirs above the main entrance, displaying traditional masonry techniques.
- The low-pitched hipped roof, typical of Regency style.
- Four segmental dormers, adding visual rhythm to the roofline.
- The one-and-a-half storey height of the residence.
- The yellow brick chimney.
- The wrap-around porch, supported by decorative wooden posts, replicating the original design.
- The main entrance, featuring an elliptical transom, sidelights, and decorative tracery.
- The six exposed, casement-style, 24-pane wood windows (four on the façade and two on the north side).

For more information on the Notice of Intention to Designate of the property, please contact Scott Abbott, Planner-Heritage at abbotts@cambridge.ca

ANY PERSON MAY within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice, serve notice of their objection on the City Clerk in accordance with Section 29(5) and 67 of *the Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts, in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Dated at Cambridge on this 25th day of February, 2025.