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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cambridge, at its meeting held on November 25, 2025, intends to designate the property described below as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

Property:

Municipal Address: 8 Crescent Place

Legal Description: PT LT 4-5 BLK F PL 473 CAMBRIDGE AS IN WS641438; S/T EXECUTION 98-02363, IF ENFORCEABLE; CAMBRIDGE.

The proposed designation is intended to recognize and protect the cultural heritage value or interest of the property in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property municipally known as 8 Crescent Place is of cultural heritage value for its design/physical value, its historical/associative value, and its contextual value.

Design/Physical Value

Constructed circa 1910, 8 Crescent Place is a representative example of Edwardian residential architecture in Galt. The two-and-a-half storey red-brick dwelling is distinguished by its symmetrical massing and a distinctive tower-like frontispiece that overlooks Queen's Square. Character-defining elements include rounded-arch sash windows, dormers, a gable roof with pediment, a substantial brick chimney, and a covered porch supported by columns with capitals. The property demonstrates the Edwardian values of solidity and classical balance, while the frontispiece provides a unique architectural variation.

Historical/Associative Value

The property is associated with William and Mary Hunter, proprietors of Hunter's Bakery, one of Galt's largest bakeries in the early 20th century. Later, members of the Hunter family became active in the local automobile trade, reflecting Galt's economic modernization. The property is thus linked to the Hunter family's entrepreneurial contributions in both food production and automotive commerce.

Contextual Value

The property defines and maintains the historic character of Crescent Place and Queen's Square. Its prominent hilltop siting makes it a landmark visible from the civic square and the Main Street Bridge. Historic accounts of the 1930 cenotaph dedication reference "hilltop houses on the crescent," confirming the property's long-standing visual and symbolic role in the civic landscape.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The cultural heritage value of 8 Crescent Place is expressed in the following attributes:

- The two-and-a-half storey Edwardian form and massing.
- The red-brick exterior walls and masonry chimney.
- The distinctive tower-like frontispiece, including its pediment and vertical emphasis.
- The arrangement of rounded-arch sash windows, including dormers.
- The covered front porch with classical columns and capitals.
- The gable roof profile with dormers.
- The property's siting at the crest of Crescent Place, overlooking Queen's Square.
- The visual and historical relationship to the cenotaph and Main Street Bridge.

For more information on the Notice of Intention to Designate or the property, please contact Heritage Staff at heritageinfo@cambridge.ca

ANY PERSON MAY, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this Notice, serve notice of objection on the City Clerk in accordance with the Section 29(5) and 67 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

The notice of objection must set out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts, in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

All notices of objection shall be served on:

City Clerk's Office
City of Cambridge
50 Dickson Street, P.O. Box 669
Cambridge, ON N1R 5W8

Dated at Cambridge this 15 day of December 2025.