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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 September 23, 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: 29 Roseview Avenue

Legal Description: LT 238 PL 447 CAMBRIDGE; PT LT 237 PL 447 CAMBRIDGE AS IN WS552143; 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 at 29 Roseview Avenue, constructed in 1891 by prominent local carpenter and builder Joseph B. Strain, is a well-preserved example of a late-Victorian residence designed in the Richardsonian Romanesque style. Known locally as "The Castle House," the building's architectural significance is evident in its asymmetrical massing, use of rough-faced ashlar granite, round-arched windows, decorative half-cove shingles, and intricate wooden detailing.

The property also holds historical value for its association with Joseph Strain, a skilled builder who contributed to Galt's development in the late 19th century. The house remains the most architecturally refined example of his work.

Contextually, the house contributes to the historic character of Roseview Avenue and visually anchors the corner of Roseview Avenue and Cambridge Street.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the property include:

- The two-and-a-half-storey form, scale, and massing of the original 1891 structure
- The use of ashlar, broken-course granite with raked joints
- The prominent square tower and corner turret with conical roof
- The round-arched windows with voussoirs and deep stone sills
- The arched front entry porch set into the façade
- The decorative wood detailing, including modillions, dentils, half-cove shingles, sunburst paneling, and carved brackets

- The original carved wooden staircase and interior detailing, where intact
- The corner lot placement and visibility from both Cambridge Street and Roseview Avenue.

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