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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: 119 Wellington Street

Legal Description: LT 21 PL 447 CAMBRIDGE EXCEPT PT 1 58R11026; S/T DEBTS IN WS596647; 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*.

Description of the Property: The subject property is located on the north side of Wellington Street, west of Oak Street, in the former City of Galt (now Cambridge).

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: The property at 119 Wellington Street has cultural heritage value for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual significance.

Design/Physical Value:

The property is a representative example of the Gothic Revival style as applied to domestic architecture in 19th-century Galt. Built circa 1870, it features distinctive elements including a front-gabled roof, ornate bargeboard with finial, raised brick quoins, segmentally arched wood sash windows, a full-width porch with Doric columns and fish-scale shingle detailing, and a symmetrical façade with twin arched windows in the front gable.

Historical/Associative Value:

The property is directly associated with James Kay, a prominent Galt carriage maker and civic leader who served as a municipal councillor and Reeve of Galt in 1860. Kay established one of the earliest carriage works in Galt on Water Street and constructed this home circa 1870 as his family residence. He lived at 119 Wellington Street until his death in 1875. The property reflects the prosperity of Galt's middle class during the town's industrial expansion in the mid-19th century.

Contextual Value:

The property supports the historic character of Galt's Eastern Hill neighborhood and is visually and historically linked to its surrounding 19th-century residential streetscape. It is a contributing feature within a historically significant area that experienced substantial development between 1850 and 1880.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

The following elements contribute to the property's cultural heritage value:

- One-and-a-half storey form and rectangular plan
- Yellow running bond brick exterior with raised brick quoins
- Gable roof with wood bargeboard and finial
- Segmentally arched windows with brick voussoirs and wood trim
- Twin arched second-storey windows with transoms and brick labels
- Front entrance with sidelights, transom, and arched brick opening
- Full-width front porch with Doric columns, balustrade, and fish-scale shingle gable
- Three-sided bay window with decorative wood trim and brackets
- Historic chimney with original brickwork

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