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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

In the matter of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Ch.O.18. And in the matter of lands and premises at the following municipal address in the Province of Ontario.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge intends to designate the following property for its cultural heritage value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

135 George Street North

The following Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and List of Heritage Attributes was prepared for the property at 135 George Street North, which is recommended for designation for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual significance, as defined in Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Description of the Historic Place

The property known municipally as 135 George Street North is located on the east side of George Street North, north of Park Hill Road West and immediately west of the Grand River in the former Town of Galt. The subject property is legally described as PL D3 PT LTS 1 & 30 PL 477; PT LT 7 RP67R2426 PARTS 1 TO;6 13 & 14. The large lot is occupied by a large two-storey, red brick rectangular former factory building that originally was a bread making factory.

Summary of Cultural Heritage Value

The property located at 135 George Street North is a representative example of a modest, utilitarian factory building as it displays symmetrical windows and apertures and brick veneer construction.

The building is directly associated with William Dixon, who constructed the factory in 1922 as the Dixon Bread factory. He sold the building and company to Canada Bread in 1926. However, Dixon remained as president of both the Canada Bread Company and the Bread and Cake Bakers Association of Canada for many years. Despite this achievement, Dixon is probably best known for his dedication to public service in the City of Galt by serving on Galt City Council from 1919-1920 and again from 1933-1934. Dixon promoted several initiatives in the City including support for the construction of the current Park Hill Road bridge in 1934, he was a member of the Galt Hydro Commission that oversaw the construction of the current David Durward Centre, and as a member of the Galt Amateur Athletic Association, he was one of the key players in championing the construction of the Galt Arena Garden on Shade Street in 1921. Later in life, Dixon was on the steering committee which selected the Queen's Square cenotaph as a location to memorialize those who served in World War One. Dixon was also an active member of the Galt Agricultural Society and probably assisted with the South Waterloo Agricultural Society's acquiring the former Canada Bread factory at 135 George Street North when the factory relocated in 1961. Dixon died in 1974 and was elected to the Cambridge Hall of Fame in 2008 for his contributions to the City.

In 1961, Dixon sold the building to the Waterloo Agricultural Society, who used this building for the next several decades as its Galt location. The sign is still very prominent on the west side of the building.

George Street is visually connected to its surroundings as the west side of George Street North has been a park since before the construction of the building and the Grand River to the east serviced the water needs for the factories that have existed on the subject lands since the mid nineteenth century. It's within the area and sitting across from Dickson Park makes it a landmark which adds substantially to its value to the community in this context.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes essential to the cultural heritage value or interest of this property are:

- The brick cladding on the building.
- The flat roof design.
- The current door and window apertures; and
- All stone sills and lintel plates.

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 the City of Cambridge this 15th day of December 2025.

Yours truly,

Heritage Team

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