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# HE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GUELPH

#### By-law Number (2018)-20332

A by-law to designate portions of the building and property municipally known as 72 Farguhar Street and legally described as Part Market Place, Plan 8, Designated as Parts 1 and 4, Reference Plan 61R-21059; Guelph, as being a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

**WHEREAS** the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.* 1990, *Chapter 0.18*, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, or portions thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS on 24 April 2018 the Council of the Corporation of the City of Guelph has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as 72 Farquhar Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate portions of the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

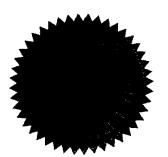
WHEREAS the cultural heritage value or interest of the property is set out in Schedule "A" hereto; and

**WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the said property designation was served upon the clerk of the municipality;

### NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GUELPH, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Portions of the building and property known as 72 Farquhar Street, as described in Schedule "B" to this By-law, are designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, Sec. 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.
- The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "C" to this Bylaw in the proper Land Registry Office.
- 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the aforesaid property and upon 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 Guelph.

PASSED this ELEVENTH day of September 2018.



MAYOR

DYLAN MCMAHON - DEPUTY CLERK

### SCHEDULE A By-law Number (2018)-20332

# STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST:

### 72 FARQUHAR STREET, GUELPH

72 Farquhar Street is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as it meets three of the prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 made under the Ontario Heritage Act. The heritage attributes of 72 Farquhar Street display: design or physical value, historical or associative value and contextual value.

The Drill Hall was constructed in 1866 for the use of Guelph's voluntary militia units and for county agricultural shows. It also functioned as a general purpose community hall, hosting various private and public meetings and events. The building's historical value lies in its association with the first active militia units in Guelph and more broadly with development of the Canadian army at the time of Confederation. The Drill Hall is also associated with the development of Guelph as a regional centre for agriculture and stock breeding.

The building was designed by Thomas W. Cooper, a local Civil Engineer and Provincial Land Surveyor. The building's construction was originally initiated by a petition from local ratepayers, with funds provided by Wellington County Council, Guelph Town Council, and the Wellington County Agricultural Societies. Wellington County Council also supported the construction of drill sheds/agricultural halls in the neighbouring communities of Fergus, Elora, and Orangeville in the same period, albeit to different designs.

In the late nineteenth century, the City of Guelph refitted the Drill Hall and lended it to private companies for industrial and commercial uses, thereby supporting the development of Guelph as an important regional centre for manufacturing. The Drill Hall has important historical associations with a number of manufacturers, including: Williams, Greene and Rome Company (1889-1893), Louden Machinery Co (1903- 1908), Aspinwall Manufacturing Company (1908-1923), Zephyr Looms & Textiles / Textiles Industries Limited (1945-1981), and J. P. Hammill & Son Ltd (1981-2010).

The Drill Hall supports the historic character of Guelph's downtown district, forming part of the core of landmark civic buildings established in the original Market Grounds in the nineteenth and early-twentieth century, including the original City Hall, the Winter Fair building, the Armoury, and the Railway Station. The position and orientation of the Drill Hall is historically linked to the location of Guelph's original Fair Ground, and the 1856 alignment of the Grand Trunk Railway.

The Drill Hall is a rare and representative example of a mid-nineteenth century community hall in Guelph. The design is plain, and much of the original fabric of the building has been replaced or modified; however, the imposing form and mass of the original heavy timber frame building is readily apparent, and its historic function can be interpreted, as a local community hall designed for military drills and agricultural shows.

### SCHEDULE B By-law Number (2018)-20332

# **DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

# 72 FARQUHAR STREET, GUELPH

The following elements of the property at 72 Farquhar Street should be considered heritage attributes in a designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act:

- original building form and gable roof of main block and extended centre bay in west elevation;
- original arrangement of window openings on the north, south and west elevations;
- large segmentally arched, 2-light window on second floor of west elevation;
- heavy timber, post and beam construction elements.

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It is intended that non-original features may be returned to documented earlier designs or to their documented original without requiring City Council to amend the designation by-law.