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**Corporate Services**  
The City of Cambridge  
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June 29, 2022

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.

## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

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.

### **16 KRIBS STREET ("FORBES PARK")**

#### **Description of Historic Place**

The property known municipally as 16 Kribs Street (Forbes Park) is located within downtown Hespeler, adjacent to Hespeler's historic civic square. The park is bounded by residential and institutional properties to the north, Forbes Street to the south, Tannery Street East to the east, and Kribs Street to the west. The property is currently an active municipal park and contains a large open greenspace, a splash pad, playground equipment, tennis courts, a bandstand, a concrete bridge, and tree-lined pathways. The historic bridge dates to ca. 1919 and the wooden bandstand dates to ca. 1924.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

Forbes Parks exhibits physical/design value, historical/associative value, and contextual value. The property was donated towards the creation of a municipal park in 1915 by George Duthie Forbes, son of Robert Forbes, a well-known industrialist, businessman, politician, and philanthropist. Since then, Forbes Park has functioned as an important gathering place for the community. Located immediately in the centre of Hespeler, and framed by several important civic buildings, Forbes Park has hosted numerous important local events including the Hespeler Old Boys' Reunions and the Hespeler Village Music Festival. The bandstand is identified as a local landmark in Hespeler given its unique design, prominence in the park, and function as a meeting place.

#### **Cultural Heritage Attributes**

The character-defining heritage attributes of the property include the following:

- The location of Forbes Park within the centre of Hespeler, adjacent to the civic square.

- The general historic layout of the park, including the layout of the original bisecting pedestrian pathways.
- The wooden bandstand structure donated by the Hespeler Women's Institute and built in 1924 including wooden columns, decorative wing brackets, wood slat ceiling, and roof profile.
- The historic angled concrete bridge constructed to cross Spring Creek, including capped end posts and span walls with lancet motifs.

The property's heritage designation does not extend to any modern features or equipment. General maintenance and upkeep to support the continued use of the park would not require a heritage permit.

**ANY PERSON MAY**, within thirty days of the publication of this Notice, serve notice of their objection on the City Clerk in accordance with the Section 29(5) and 67 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts, in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act.

Dated at Cambridge this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

Danielle Manton, City Clerk