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10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3**RECEIVED**  
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Ontario Heritage Trust**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate  
442 King Street East**

Pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Oshawa intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

442 King Street East, legally described as PIN 16324-0072 (LT) PT LT C1 SHEET 2 PL 335 OSHAWA AS IN D423709; CITY OF OSHAWA

**1. Location and Description of Property:**

The property at 442 King Street East is located on the north side of King Street East, east of Central Park Boulevard North and west of Lasalle Court. The property includes a two-storey farmhouse built in the Georgian architectural style with Italianate influences. The exact construction date of the two-storey farmhouse cannot be determined; however, it was possibly built as early as 1859. According to land records, census data, historical maps, and country and city directories, it was extant by 1891.

**2. Legal Description:**

The property at 442 King Street East to be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18 is legally described as:

PIN 16324-0072 (LT) PT LT C1 SHEET 2 PL 335 OSHAWA AS IN D423709; CITY OF OSHAWA

**3. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

442 King Street East has design value as a representative example of a farmhouse built in the Georgian architectural style with Italianate influences. The two-storey red brick building follows a box-like plan with a symmetrically balanced three-bay façade and side gable roof with overhanging eaves which are representative of Georgian architecture. The Italianate influences are expressed through the detailing found in the dichromatic brick work, ornate window treatments, and porch. The rhythmically placed segmental arch window and door openings have decorative hoodmould made of buff brick and the façade showcases a decorative cross-like buff brick pattern near the roofline and a triangular pattern outlining the gable ends on the side elevations. The one-storey heavily ornamented porch showcases turned and carved woodwork,

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spindles in railing, decorative brackets, gingerbread trim, and moulded architrave supported by square but chamfered wood posts also expresses Italianate influences.

442 King Street East is one of the oldest homes in the area and is associated with several families, specifically the Dickies, Pooles, Rogers, and the Drew family, most of whom were early settlers with multiple land holdings who predominantly worked as farmers in the local agricultural industry. It is unclear which owner the residence was constructed for, although it is likely that it was either built for John Dickie Junior, Robert and Elizabeth Poole, or possibly Benjamin Rogers between 1859 and 1891. A historical photo suggests that the subject property was an early farmstead located outside of the historic core of Oshawa. 442 King Street East served as the residence for the Drew family for almost fifty years from 1909 to 1961. Albert Victor Drew worked as a gardener for fifty years according to his death certificate and Albert Drew's son, George Drew, who also occupied the property, worked as a mechanic. The Drew family owned several properties in the area.

442 King Street East is important in defining the late 19th and early 20th century streetscape found along this section of King Street East. 442 King Street East is a visible remnant of a 19th century agricultural property which was subdivided into smaller lots as part of the growth and development of Oshawa in the early 20th century. The subject property is visibly different from its immediate surrounds in setback and style which makes it legible as an early farmhouse. The section of King Street East between Wilson Road and Oshawa Boulevard consists of a layered streetscape featuring predominantly residential buildings that range in date from the late 19th century to early 20th century. As one of the earliest buildings on the streetscape, the subject property characterizes the early development of the streetscape. The streetscape includes a variety of architectural styles with a strong representation of Arts and Crafts, Italianate and Neo-Classical buildings. Buildings are mostly one-and-a-half to three-storeys tall and include gable roofs, brick construction and ornamented facades. This section of King Street East is in proximity to the current historic downtown core of Oshawa and acts as a residential extension and mature neighbourhood extending from the historic commercial core.

On the basis of the cultural heritage value or interest outlined above, the property at 442 King Street East meets the criteria for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 569/22 subsection 1(2), specifically criteria 1, 4, and 7.

#### **4. Heritage Attributes:**

The following heritage attributes of 442 King Street East reflect the property's design and physical value as described in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

- Two-storey Georgian farmhouse with Italianate influences;
- Box-like plan;
- Symmetrical three-bay façade;
- Side gable roof;
- Red brick construction with buff brick detailing;
- Decorative buff brick hoodmould around segmentally arched window and door openings, as well as a decorative cross-like brick pattern near the roofline along the façade, and triangular pattern on east and west elevations;

- Segmentally arched door opening with segmentally arched transom; and,
- One-storey ornate restored porch with decorative details including moulded architrave, chamfered wood posts, decorative brackets, gingerbread trim and finials.

The following heritage attributes of 442 King Street East reflect the property's historical and associative value as described in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

- Two-storey Georgian farmhouse with Italianate influences;
- Massing, orientation, setback, and decorative details; and,
- Location on King Street East.

The following heritage attributes of 442 King Street East reflect the property's contextual value as described in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

- Two-storey Georgian farmhouse with Italianate influences;
- Massing, orientation, setback, and decorative details; and,
- Location on King Street East.

The full particulars for the subject property, including heritage attributes to be protected, are available for inspection in Planning Services, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall, 50 Centre Street South, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you would like to obtain further details, please contact Harrison Whilsmith, Planner A, at (905) 436-3311 ex. 2697 or by email at [hwhilsmith@oshawa.ca](mailto:hwhilsmith@oshawa.ca).

Any person may, on or before the 14th day of March, 2025, send by registered mail or deliver to the City Clerk, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of their reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the City of Oshawa will consider the objection on or before the 12th day of June, 2025.

If you require further information or clarification, please contact me at the address shown or by telephone at (905) 436-3311, extension 2697 or by email to [hwhilsmith@oshawa.ca](mailto:hwhilsmith@oshawa.ca).



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