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NOTICE OF PASSING OF HERITAGE DESIGNATION BY-LAWS UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following by-laws on February 25, 2025, designating the properties below as having cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

By-law No. 25-003 – 16 Byng Avenue

The property at 16 Byng Avenue, known as “Kirkmichael”, features a one-and-a-half-storey limestone residence built circa 1832 in the Regency architectural style. It was originally part of a planned estate by William Dickson, founder of Galt, and later owned by William Dickson Jr. It is the last remaining structure from the Dickson estate. Significant features include limestone construction, a low-pitched hipped roof, wrap-around porch, and original casement windows.

By-law No. 25-004 – 252 Dundas Street North

The property at 252 Dundas Street North includes the Gore Mutual Building (1935, with a 1955 addition) and a historic stone retaining wall. The building is an early example of Neo-Georgian architecture designed by Ferdinand Herbert Marani. It features granite fieldstone, Queenston limestone detailing, and a prominent hilltop setting overlooking Soper Park. The site is associated with Gore Mutual, Canada’s longest-operating mutual insurance company. The stone retaining wall, originally part of Dr. Augustus Soper’s estate, contributes to its historical significance.

Any person may appeal these by-laws to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) by notifying the Ontario Land Tribunal and the Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge in writing within 30 days after the publication of this notice.

For more information, contact:
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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BY-LAW 25-004

Being a by-law to designate the property known as 252 Dundas Street North, including the Gore Mutual Building and stone retaining wall, as being of cultural and heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

WHEREAS section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge has caused to be served upon the owner of the property at 252 Dundas Street North, Cambridge, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused such Notice to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality,


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Cambridge enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the property located at 252 Dundas Street North, Cambridge, and legally described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The designation applies only to the original building constructed in 1935, the 1955 addition, and the stone retaining wall. The designation is limited to the exterior of the property, and no elements of the interior are included in this designation.
2. **THAT** the reasons for designation including a description of the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of its heritage attributes, are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of the by-law.
3. **THAT** the City of Cambridge is hereby authorized to serve a copy of this by-law to the owner of the property and 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 Cambridge.

4. **AND THAT** it is acknowledged and directed that the City Solicitor, or their designate, be authorized to register electronically any and all documents in connection with this transaction.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 25th day of February, 2025


MAYOR


CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"
TO BY-LAW 25-004
of the
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Legal Description of the Property

FIRSTLY PART LOT 45 PLAN 443 AS IN WS576235; LOT 46-48 PLAN 443; LOT 16 PLAN D8, SAVE & EXCEPT PART 5 ON WR1305961; PART LOT 17 PLAN 454 AS IN WS588382 & WS586670; LOT 18 PLAN 454; LOT 6 PLAN 458; SECONDLY LOT 19-22 PLAN 454; PART LOT 43 PLAN 443 AS IN D40497, D40472, D40357 & D40318; THIRDLY PART LOT 44-45 PL 443 PART 1 58R10328; CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, REGIONAL MUNICIPLAITY OF WATERLOO.

SCHEDULE "B"
TO BY-LAW 25-004
of the
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**Description of Property**

The property located at 252 Dundas Street North in Cambridge includes the Gore Mutual Building and a notable stone retaining wall. The site is situated to the south of Soper Park and to the west of Dundas Street North. The designation applies only to the original building constructed in 1935, the 1955 addition, and the stone retaining wall. The designation is limited to the exterior of the property, and no elements of the interior are included in this designation.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**1. Design and Physical Value**

- The Gore Mutual Building is an early and unique example of Neo-Georgian architecture in Canada.
- The property features high-quality craftsmanship, including locally sourced granite fieldstone, Queenston limestone detailing, and interior elements made of polished Notre Dame Jaune marble.
- The stone retaining wall demonstrates design value through its shaped granite stones and its historical association with Augustus Soper's estate.
- The property reflects the work of renowned Canadian architect Ferdinand Herbert Marani, whose Neo-Georgian design for the Gore Mutual building is a prominent example of his architectural influence. Marani was a key figure in shaping institutional architecture across Canada, known for his classical and conservative styles.
- The Gore Building Mutual Building was awarded a silver medal at the Toronto Chapter Exhibition of Architecture and Allied Arts in 1937.

2. Historical and Associative Value

- The property is associated with Gore Mutual, Canada's longest-operating mutual insurance company, and reflects its growth and commitment to Galt during the Great Depression.

- The site has historical ties to Dr. Augustus Soper, who originally built the stone retaining wall and contributed significantly to the landscape of the adjacent Soper Park.

3. Contextual Value

- The Gore Mutual property defines and supports the character of the surrounding area through its prominent hilltop location, manicured gardens, and adjacency to Soper Park.
- The retaining wall is physically and visually linked to the building and serves as a recognizable local landmark.

Heritage Attributes

Gore Mutual Building

- Neo-Georgian architectural style with symmetrical design and classical proportions.
- Exterior walls constructed from locally sourced granite fieldstone.
- Queenston limestone details, including portico.
- Manicured gardens and the building's prominent location overlooking Soper Park.

Stone Retaining Wall

- Curved southern end along Dundas Street North.
- Stone pillars and metal gate feature at the north end.
- Roughly shaped rectangular granite blocks of varying sizes.
- Capping with unshaped stones for rustic aesthetic.
- Visual and material linkages with the Gore Mutual building.

For more information on the Notice of Intention to Designate of the property, please contact Scott Abbott, Planner-Heritage at abbotts@cambridge.ca

ANY PERSON MAY within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice, serve notice of their objection on the City Clerk in accordance with Section 29(5) and 67 of *the Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 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 on this 25th day of February, 2025.