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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

Take notice that the Council of the City of Cambridge intends to designate the following properties under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.R.O. 1990, c. O.18, as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

16 Byng Avenue

Address: 16 Byng Avenue, Cambridge, Ontario

Legal Description: Part Lot 19, Plan 291; Part 1, Plan 58R-20441; City of Cambridge. The property is east of Kitchener and west of the Grand River.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value: The Regency-style stone residence, "Kirkmichael," built circa 1832, is a rare example of early 19th-century architecture and the last tangible link to the estate of William Dickson, founder of Galt. Originally intended as a gatehouse for a larger estate, the property holds cultural significance for its association with the Dickson family, who were instrumental in the early settlement and development of the area.

Description of Cultural Heritage Attributes: The building's distinctive features include limestone in a broken course pattern, a low-pitched hipped roof, large cornices, and segmental dormers. The wrap-around porch with decorative posts and the main entrance with an elliptical transom, sidelights, and decorative tracery, exemplify the Regency style. The property's significant setback from Byng Avenue enhances its visual relationship with the streetscape.

The designation applies to the exterior of the building only and does not include interior elements.

252 Dundas Street North

Address: 252 Dundas Street North, Cambridge, Ontario

Legal Description: FIRSTLY PART LOT 45 PLAN 443 AS IN WS576235; LOT 4648 PLAN 443; LOT 16 PLAN D8; PART LOT 17 PLAN 454 AS IN WS588382 & WS586 670; LOT 18 PLAN 454; LOT 6 PLAN 458; SECONDLY LOT 1922 PLAN 454; PART LOT 43 PLAN 443 AS IN D40497, D40472, D40357 & D40318; THIRDLY PART LOT 44-45 PLAN 443 PART 1 58R10328; City of Cambridge. The property is east of Kitchener and east of the Grand River.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value: The Gore Mutual Insurance Company Building, constructed in 1935-1936, is a significant example of Neo-Georgian architecture designed by prominent Canadian architect Ferdinand Herbert Marani. The property reflects the legacy of Gore Mutual Insurance Company, founded in 1839, and its strong ties to Cambridge.

Description of Heritage Attributes: The building's hilltop location enhances its landmark status and visual prominence, with its exterior constructed from local granite fieldstone and Queenston Limestone. The property features manicured gardens and a curved stone retaining wall, which complement the adjacent Soper Park, a historically significant green space. This relationship creates a strong visual and historical connection between the property and its surroundings.

The designation includes only the original building constructed in 1935, the 1955 addition, and the stone retaining wall, excluding interior elements.

The full Statements of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, including a detailed list of heritage attributes for each property, are available from the Heritage Planning Office at heritageinfo@cambridge.ca.

Any person may object to the proposed designations by serving written notice of objection, including reasons, to the City Clerk at clerks@cambridge.ca, within **30 days of this** notice's publication.

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