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May 27, 2016

BY COURIER

Ontario Heritage Trust  
Attn: Erin Semande, Registrar  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

Dear Ms. Semande:

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton (Former King George School) Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (Ward 3)**

Attached please find the Notice of Intention to Designate, Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes for 77 Gage Avenue North (Former King George School). The Notice of Intention to Designate was published in the Hamilton Spectator on May 27, 2016.

Yours truly,

Steve Robichaud, **MCIP OPPI RPP**  
Director of Planning and Chief Planner

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Attach. (3)

cc: Councillor Matthew Green, Ward 3  
Rose Caterini, City Clerk  
Janice Atwood-Petkovski, City Solicitor  
Ed VanderWindt, Director, Building Services  
Loren Kolar, Legislative Coordinator  
Chelsey Tyers, Cultural Heritage Planner

# Notice of Intention to Designate 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton

The City of Hamilton intends to designate 77 Gage Avenue North in Hamilton, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as being a property of cultural heritage value.

## **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The former King George School has heritage value as a contributor to the Hamilton public education system for nearly 100 years (1912-2012). Between 1948 and 1963, the building served as a boy's vocational school, teaching hands-on trades and skills. During the Second World War, the building was used as a military hospital by the Department of National Defense. The former school building is a representative example of the Edwardian Classicism style of architecture that was common in Ontario between approximately 1900 and 1930. Several other schools in the eastern area of Hamilton were constructed in this style as well, though only a few remain. The former school was designed by the architectural partnership of Stewart and Witton (Walter Wilson Stewart and William Palmer Witton), Hamilton architects who designed many public buildings and residences in Hamilton until Stewart's death in 1917.

The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, Description of Heritage Attributes and supporting Cultural Heritage Assessment may be found online via [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or viewed at the Office of the City Clerk, 71 Main Street West, 1st Floor, City Hall, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4Y5, during regular business hours.

## **Written Notice of Objection**

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the publication of the Notice, serve written notice of their objections to the proposed designation, together with a statement for the objection and relevant facts, on the City Clerk at the Office of the City Clerk.

Dated at Hamilton, this 27th day of May, 2016.

R. Caterini, City Clerk, Hamilton, Ontario

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## **77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton**

### **STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST AND DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

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

The former King George School, a public school building, was constructed in 1911 in the Edwardian Classicism style of architecture. The property is addressed as 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton, and is located between Cannon Street to the south and Beechwood Avenue to the north. Residential properties are located north, south and east of the former school site. The property includes the roughly H-shaped brick building, a grassed lawn area to the east side, and asphalt parking area on the west and north sides.

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The former school building is a representative example of the Edwardian Classicism style of architecture that was common in Ontario between approximately 1900 and 1930. The style arose during the Reign of King Edward VII (1901-1910), and its influences carried on in the decades following his death. In its Ontario context, the style is defined by its use of brick, classically inspired decorative elements, often minimal or understated ornamentation (in contrast to the more ornate styles of the Victorian era), large and frequent windows, and often rectangular or rectilinear plans and massing. Several other schools in the eastern area of Hamilton were constructed in this style as well, though only a few remain. The Edwardian design and school building features are still evident on the east, north and west elevations, and much of the south elevation.

The former school was designed by the architectural partnership of Stewart and Witton (Walter Wilson Stewart and William Palmer Witton), Hamilton architects who designed many public buildings and residences in Hamilton until Stewart's death in 1917.

## **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The heritage attributes relating to the property's recognition as a former school in the Edwardian Classicism style relate to the exterior facades of the building, including:

- Brick construction;
- H-shaped plan of the original 1911 building;
- Rectangular window openings, in singles and groupings of three, four and five on all elevations;
- Stone lintels and sills;
- Continuous stone band above second storey windows;
- Vertical stone details on the projections of the east elevation and on the western section of the north elevation;
- Tapered stone lintels and band above basement windows;
- East entrance feature with brick and stone bands, stone cornice, stone keystone details, and carved shapes in stone arch;
- Round arched fanlight with tracery;
- Double entrance door opening at central east entrance;
- Segmental arched entrance feature on north elevation with stone cornice, brick and stone details;
- Flat roof;
- Parapet at roofline, including segmental arched parapets above the entrances on the east, north and south elevations;
- Rectangular brick courses with stone corners above the second storey windows on all elevations; and,
- Any other remaining historic wood windows.

Interior features that contribute to the cultural heritage value of the former school include:

- Spacious stairwells with interior iron staircases;
- Original flooring, baseboards and doors;
- Interior room layouts, including the cloakrooms; and,
- Wide interior hallways and abutting room configuration of the H-shaped plan.

Contextual features that contribute to the cultural heritage value of the former school include:

- Orientation of the property to Gage Avenue North;
- Views to the property from Gage Avenue North; and,
- Open space area between the front elevation and Gage Avenue North.



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**8. (d) Recommendation to Designate 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton (former King George School) Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED15077) (Ward 3)**

- (i) That the designation of 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton, shown in Appendix "A" of Report PED15077, as a property of cultural heritage value pursuant to the provisions of Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, be approved;
- (ii) That the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED15077, be amended to include the following additional features: remaining historic wood windows; original flooring, baseboards and doors; and, interior room/cloakroom layout and be approved as amended.
- (iii) That the City Clerk be directed to take appropriate action to designate 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, in accordance with the draft Notice of Intention to Designate, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED15077.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy  
of Item 8(d) of the Planning Committee Report  
15-010, as approved by City of Hamilton  
Council on June 24, 2015.

Dated at the City of Hamilton on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.



Lisa Barroso  
Acting City Clerk