

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BY-LAW 25-061

Being a By-law to Designate the Property Known as 58 Ainslie Street South, 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;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge has caused to be served upon the owner of the property at 58 Ainslie Street South, 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 FURTHER 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 58 Ainslie Street South, 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 is limited to the exterior of the property, and no elements of the interior are included in this designation.
2. **AND 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. **AND 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 FURTHER 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.

**PASSED AND ENACTED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025.

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MAYOR

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ACTING CITY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW 25-061

of the

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

**Legal Description of the Property**

LT 1 W/S AINSLIE ST S PL 615 CAMBRIDGE; S/T 1485188; CAMBRIDGE

SCHEDULE "B"  
TO BY-LAW 25-061  
of the  
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

**Description of Property**

The property contains a one-and-a-half-storey stone cottage constructed circa 1860 in the Georgian vernacular style. It is located on the west side of Ainslie Street South within Cambridge's historic downtown core.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The property at 58 Ainslie Street South is of cultural heritage value for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual significance, as defined in Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**Design or Physical Value**

The property is a well-preserved example of a Georgian vernacular stone cottage, built circa 1860. It is characterized by its symmetrical three-bay façade, an ashlar-cut granite front elevation, and rubblestone side and rear walls. The central entrance with a transom and sidelights, along with six-over-six double-hung sash windows framed by stone voussoirs and lintels, demonstrates the classical balance and proportion associated with Georgian architecture. The simple gable roof with stone chimneys and cut limestone detailing further exemplify mid-19th century local masonry craftsmanship.

**Historical or Associative Value**

The property is historically associated with William Robinson (1822–1881), an important figure in Galt's civic and commercial development. Robinson served as Reeve in 1857 and Mayor in both 1859 and 1875. Professionally, he was active as a grocer, miller, and woolen manufacturer, contributing to Galt's 19th-century growth. Robinson owned the property from 1854 to 1862.

Subsequent owners included Thomas Buckley and Peter Deinnahy, followed in the early 20th century by Dr. C.R. Cummings, a physician who operated his practice at this location. Records also suggest that the property accommodated business uses during this period, illustrating the blending of residential and commercial functions in downtown Galt.

### **Contextual Value**

The property is one of the last surviving heritage residences in Cambridge's downtown commercial core. Surrounded by later commercial and institutional development, it contributes to defining the early residential character of Ainslie Street South. Its presence provides continuity within the evolving urban landscape and reinforces the historic character of the downtown streetscape.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The following heritage attributes support and embody the cultural heritage value or interest of the property at 58 Ainslie Street South:

- The one-and-a-half-storey Georgian vernacular stone cottage form.
- The ashlar-cut granite front façade with its symmetrical three-bay design.
- The rubblestone side and rear elevations, demonstrating vernacular masonry.
- The central entrance with transom and sidelights, reflective of Georgian design.
- The six-over-six double-hung sash windows, with original stone voussoirs and lintels.
- The cut limestone detailing throughout the façades.
- The simple gable roof with stone chimneys, characteristic of Georgian cottages.
- The property's historic relationship to the streetscape of Ainslie Street South, as one of the last remaining early residential buildings in the downtown core

For more information on the Notice of Intention to Designate of the property, please contact Heritage staff at [heritageinfo@cambridge.ca](mailto:heritageinfo@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 this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025.