

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BY-LAW 25-060

Being a By-law to Designate the Property Known as 44 Wellington Street, 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 44 Wellington Street, 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 44 Wellington Street, 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 23rd day of September, 2025.

MAYOR

ACTING CITY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW 25-060

of the

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Legal Description of the Property

PT LT 4 W/S WELLINGTON ST, 5 W/S WELLINGTON ST PL 615 CAMBRIDGE PT 2,
58R10686; S/T INTEREST IN 1211465; CAMBRIDGE TOGETHER WITH EASEMENT
OVER PTS 5 & 6 ON 58R-15422 AS IN WR258763

SCHEDULE "B"

TO BY-LAW 25-060

of the

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Description of Property

The property contains a two-storey dwelling located in the historic core of Galt. Constructed of coursed fieldstone on the lower and first floors with a plastered second floor, the dwelling also features Tudor Revival modifications such as half-timbering and a central dormer. Its elevated siting contributes to its prominence within the streetscape.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 44 Wellington Street 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 dwelling is a rare example of Georgian vernacular architecture later adapted with Tudor Revival influences, illustrating mid-19th-century construction methods with early 20th-century stylistic modifications. Notable elements include coursed fieldstone masonry, a recessed entrance with transom and sidelights, six-over-six sash windows with decorative surrounds, and a central dormer with board-and-batten detailing. The building retains original stone construction and materials, demonstrating craftsmanship of the period.

Historical or Associative Value

Constructed in 1855 by William Leslie, a local carpenter, the house is associated with individuals significant to the development of Galt and the wider region. Alexander Buchanan, Reeve of North Dumfries, acquired the property in 1856 and contributed to local governance and civic institutions. In 1874, the property was purchased by R.P. Slater, a Galt councillor and later Mayor of Niagara Falls, noted for his role in advancing Ontario's hydroelectric policy. The house was also associated with Alexander Baird, a local foundry foreman, and his brother Jack Baird, an artist whose murals once adorned the interior, with remnants still surviving.

Contextual Value

Set high on a slope, the dwelling has a strong visual presence and contributes to the historic character of Galt. Its massing, materials, and form are consistent with surrounding 19th-century buildings, reinforcing the historic streetscape. The property remains physically, visually, and historically linked with its surroundings and is an integral part of the historic residential core.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following heritage attributes support and embody the cultural heritage value or interest of the property:

- The two-storey structure with original coursed fieldstone masonry on the lower and first floors.
- The plastered second floor, representative of later modifications.
- The Tudor Revival stucco and half-timbering, reflecting early 20th-century adaptations.
- The central dormer with board-and-batten detailing, illustrating the property's architectural evolution.
- The six-over-six sash windows with decorative surrounds, characteristic of Georgian residential design.
- The recessed entrance with transom and sidelights, a hallmark of Georgian vernacular architecture.
- The original stone foundation and visible mortar joints, preserving the integrity of construction.
- The rear verandah, while not original, appears in early photographs and is an older feature that contributes to the property's historic character.
- The property's siting on a bank, enhancing its prominence and contextual importance within the historic Galt streetscape.

For more information on the Notice of Intention to Designate of the property, please contact Heritage staff at 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 23rd day of September, 2025.