



# MINUTES

## Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Meeting # 01-26

January 15, 2026

Virtually via Zoom

7:00 p.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Susan Brown (MHAC Chair), Nelson Cecilia, Nancy Woodman, Meg Oldfield, Michelle Goodridge, Adele Sommerfeld, Meghan McKay, Mark Melo and Councillor Corey Kimpson

**Regrets:** Rosemary Minella

**Staff in Attendance:** Cheyenne Mailloux (Heritage Planner), Edwin Chiu (Heritage Planner), Nick Borcescu (Supervisor of Heritage Planning and Housing), Scott Abbott (Heritage Planner), select name of staff, select name of staff, Tena Michiels, Council Committee Services Coordinator, Missi O'Shaughnessy Recording Secretary

### Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee was held virtually via Microsoft Zoom and live streamed to the City of Cambridge YouTube channel. Susan Brown, MHAC Chairperson, welcomed everyone, and she advised those present that in its advisory role, MHAC makes recommendations that then go to Council for a decision. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m., and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

**Declarations of Interest – NIL**

**Presentation- NIL**

**Delegates – Wendy Pitblado**

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Mark Melo  
Seconded by: Meg Oldfield

**THAT** the minutes of the December 18, 2025, meeting of the Cambridge Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be considered for errors and omissions and be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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**Reports:**

**1. 26-001 (MHAC) 24-26 Queen Square – Recommendation to Designate**

Nick Borcescu (Supervisor of Heritage Planning and Housing) provided a history of the property. Constructed 1881 by Dr George Sylvester. Confirmed on 1910 Fire Insurance Map. Representative Gothic Revival -influenced design. High craftsmanship in surviving details. Connection to several well known, respected doctors for over a century. The property satisfies 6 of the 9 criteria for designation.

Moved by: Michelle Goodridge  
Seconded by: Meg Oldfield

No questions to staff

**THAT** the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 24-28 Queens Square under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

**CARRIED**

**2. 26-002 (MHAC) 100 Queensbrook Cr – Recommendation to Designate**

Nick Borcescu (Supervisor of Heritage Planning and Housing) provided a history of the property. Constructed in 1854 by pioneer farm family John & Isabella Barrie, before being occupied by the family for nearly a century. Representative Gothic Revival-influenced design. Supports Agricultural history of North Dumfries and West Cambridge. The property satisfies 5 of the 9 criteria for designation.

Moved by: Meg Oldfield  
Seconded by: Nelson Cecilia

No questions to staff

**THAT** the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 100 Queensbrook Crescent under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

**CARRIED**

**3. 26-005 (MHAC) 11 Kay St – Recommendation to Designate**

Scott Abbott (Heritage Planner) provided a history of the property. Constructed between 1891-1914. Confirmed on the 1910 Fire Insurance Map. Contributes to understanding of early neighborhood development. Representative Gothic Revival-Influenced design. Supports historic character of Kay St. The property satisfies 5 of the 9 criteria for designation.

Moved by: Meghan McKay

Seconded by: Michelle Goodridge

No questions to staff.

**THAT** the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 11 Kay St under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

**CARRIED**

**4. 26-006 (MHAC) 39 Oak St- Recommendation to Designate**

Edwin Chiu (Heritage Planner) provided a history of the property. Constructed late 19<sup>th</sup> / early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Directly associated with Jane Wilkins, daughter of William H Wilkins, (prominent merchant tailor) and Jane Grenfell Kinsman (1816-1908). The family ancestry is expansive and contributed to the development of the Town of Galt. Representative of the Ontario Farmhouse style with Gothic Revival Features. Maintains & supports historic late 19<sup>th</sup> century character & sense of place on Oak St. The property satisfies 4 of the 9 criteria for designation.

Moved by: Meghan McKay

Seconded by: Mark Melo

No questions to staff.

**THAT** the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 39 Oak St under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

**CARRIED**

### **5. 26-004 (MHAC) 77 Lowell Street North-Recommendation to Designate**

Cheyenne Mailloux (Heritage Planner) provided a summary of the property. Built circa 1883, in Gothic Revival architectural style, displays a high degree of craftsmanship, best seen in the decorative elements on the large bay window, shape of windows and voussoirs, decorative elements of the roofline, and stone construction and patterning, all of which are well preserved. The property satisfies 3 of the 9 criteria for designation.

Moved by: Michelle Goodridge

Seconded by: Nancy Woodman

Wendy Pitblado, homeowner of 77 Lowell St N Delegated. Wanted on record that they have been the homeowners for 20 yrs. They have no desire to move or develop the property. They do not want the designation to cost them more money in terms of insurance or property taxes, as they did not seek the designation. Also want on record they have concerns of the designation on the indigenous land in the Galt area.

Michelle Goodridge responded to the delegate, advising there are lots of avenues to obtain heritage grants to improve property. Cited study by Dr Roberty Shipley showing designation increases property value.

**THAT** the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 77 Lowell Street N under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

**CARRIED**

### **6. 26-003 (MHAC) 8 Cameron Street-Recommendation to Designate**

Cheyenne Mailloux (Heritage Planner) provided a summary of the property. Built in 1869. Representative of on Ontario Cottage built in the Gothic Revival architectural style that was popularized during the later half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Reinforces the historic character of Cameron Street, as the architectural style and the materials used during its construction all help contribute to supporting the overall character of the surrounding area. The property satisfies 4 of the 9 criteria for designation

Moved by: Nelson Cecilia

Seconded by: Meg Oldfield

No questions to staff.

**THAT** the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 8 Cameron Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

#### **7. 26-002 (MHAC) 47 Spruce Street-Recommendation to Designate**

Cheyenne Mailloux (Heritage Planner) provided a summary of the property. Built in 1853, it is representative of the Gothic Revival architectural style that was popularized during the later half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Displays a high degree of craftsmanship, best seen in the stone quoining and accents, double brackets, unique windows and intricate wooden details throughout the build. Reinforces the historic character of Spruce Street. The property satisfies 3 of the 9 criteria for designation

Moved by: Michelle Goodridge  
Seconded by: Meghan McKay

No questions to staff.

**THAT** the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 47 Spruce Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**Information Items:** - NIL

**Other Business** -Co-Chair Nelson Cecilia, brought forward that the committee members were asked by staff to entertain a start time change for the MHAC meetings, from 7:00pm to 6:30pm. Reason for the request was to better align meeting start times with Council as well as to assist staff who live out of town and have to commute. Further clarification will also be needed from the Clerks office, as to whether we must wait until after the election to make changes to the already agreed upon start time. Also recommended having alternate committee members be included in the vote. After much discussion, it was decided since there were a lot of unanswered questions, this motion would be withdrawn.

**Chair's Comments:**

**Chair, Susan Brown**, thanked staff for all their hard work in bringing forth all of the Recommendations.

**Council Report/ Comments:**

**Councillor Kimpson** said there are no Council meetings in January, so nothing to report. Speaking on media coverage of the Heritage Conservation District. Making the committee aware that there is a lot of coverage in [cambridgetoday.com](http://cambridgetoday.com). Also thanked staff for their hard work in bringing forward so many designations with such efficiency.

**Heritage Staff - comments:**

Nick Borcescu (Supervisor of Heritage Planning and Housing) provided update on the proposed designations. Between January and July 2026 nearly 120 properties will be brought forward, approximately 10-12 reports per month. Heritage week will be 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February, the Heritage team is looking to promote and celebrate Culture & heritage within the City of Cambridge, beginning with daily posts on our social media accounts. Also thanked staff for all of their hard work with the designations as well as meeting with homeowners and member of the public to discuss the designations. Reiterated before the start of the Heritage week, we will have an agenda to share with the committee and members of the public.

**Next Meeting**

Date & Time: **February 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**

Location: Hybrid – Cambridge City Hall and virtually via Zoom

**Close of Meeting**

Moved by: Meg Oldfield

Seconded by: Mark Melo

**THAT** the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at **8:03** p.m.

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**CARRIED**

Susan Brown  
MHAC Chairperson

Missi O'Shaughnessy  
Recording Secretary