

## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

### **Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cambridge, at its meeting held on November 25, 2025, intends to designate the property described below as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

#### **Property:**

**Municipal Address:** 234 King Street East

**Legal Description:** PT LT 4 S/S KING ST PL 522 CAMBRIDGE PT 4 67R2318 EXCEPT PT 1 58R8487; CAMBRIDGE

The proposed designation is intended to recognize and protect the cultural heritage value or interest of the property in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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

The property at 234 King Street East, known historically as Fox's Lair, has cultural heritage value for its design/physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value.

Constructed circa 1855, the building is a representative example of the Ontario Cottage, a vernacular form of the Gothic Revival style common in mid-19th-century Ontario. It is characterized by its one-and-a-half-storey massing, symmetrical three-bay façade, central entrance with a centre gable, and brick construction on a stone foundation. The rear gable-roofed wing, added before 1910, contributes to its L-shaped footprint.

The property has historical value for its association with Xavier Fuchs (Fox), a German immigrant and vinegar maker, and with Henry Peter Bernhardt, a local brewer who owned the property beginning in 1874. The house's long association with tradespeople and business owners reflects Preston's 19th-century development as a mixed-use settlement.

The property also has contextual value as part of a grouping of three surviving 19th-century houses on this block of King Street East. Together with 204 and 210 King Street East, it helps to define and maintain the historic character of Preston's main commercial and residential corridor.

#### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The following elements contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property and shall be conserved:

- One-and-a-half-storey Ontario Cottage form with L-shaped footprint (main block and rear tail).
- Symmetrical three-bay front façade with central entrance and centre gable.
- Brick construction and stone foundation.
- Flat-arched window openings with lug sills and surviving six-over-six wood sash windows.
- Two-storey wooden porch with decorative spindles, and central entrance with transom and side lights.
- Centre gable with shingled tympanum and doorway opening to the upper porch.
- Heavy cornice, plain frieze, and returned eaves along the roofline.

For more information on the Notice of Intention to Designate or the property, please contact Heritage Staff at [heritageinfo@cambridge.ca](mailto:heritageinfo@cambridge.ca)

**ANY PERSON MAY**, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this Notice, serve notice of objection on the City Clerk in accordance with the Section 29(5) and 67 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

The notice of objection must set out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts, in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

All notices of objection shall be served on:

City Clerk's Office  
City of Cambridge  
50 Dickson Street, P.O. Box 669  
Cambridge, ON N1R 5W8

Dated at Cambridge this 15 day of December 2025