

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

Notice of Objection

12 January, 2026

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed heritage designation of the property located at 29 Roseview Ave, Cambridge, ON N1R 4A8, as outlined in the City of Cambridge's Notice of Intention to Designate under the Ontario Heritage Act.

While I respect the City's efforts to preserve Cambridge's architectural and cultural heritage, I believe that the heritage designation of my property is unnecessary. Such a designation would negatively impact my property's value.

It is well-known that designated heritage properties in Ontario, and across Canada, come with several disadvantages, primarily related to restrictions on alterations, increased maintenance costs, potential challenges with property value, and higher insurance rates and resale difficulties. For these reasons, I respectfully request that City Council reconsider the intention to designate my property as a heritage site and remove it from the City's municipal heritage registry.

This past summer, I invested approximately \$35,000 in exterior renovations for my house, and shortly after, the City expressed interest in designating the property.

In my attempt to understand the criteria for heritage houses, I reviewed the City of Cambridge Heritage Properties Register and noted a number of houses on Roseview Ave. that are listed. I am perplexed as to why the house at 7 Roseview Ave. appears on the register, while the nearly identical house at 5 Roseview Ave. does not. The only visible difference seems to be that the owner of 7 Roseview maintains their property well, while the owner of 5 Roseview does not. It appears that the City prioritizes well-kept older homes over those that may require financial

assistance. Another example is the house at 103 Roseview Ave., which is also old, unique, and well-maintained, yet is not included on the register.

I understand the importance of preserving historically significant properties; however, it is believed that the negative impact of the proposed heritage designation outweighs the benefits in this case.

For further communication, please feel free to reach me at my email address, [REDACTED] or by phone at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Owner of the property at

29 Roseview Ave.

Cambridge, Ontario N1R 4A8

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. [REDACTED]", written in black ink.