



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

In the matter of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Ch.O.18. And in the matter of lands and premises at the following municipal address in the Province of Ontario.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge intends to designate the following property for its cultural heritage value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

35 Oak Street

The following Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and List of Heritage Attributes was prepared for the property at 35 Oak Street in their Heritage Registry Report, which recommended that the property be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual significance, as defined in Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Description of the Historic Place

The property known municipally as 35 Oak Street or commonly referred as “P.W. Gardiner House” is located on a corner lot on the east side of Oak Street and south of Ball Avenue in the former historic Town of Galt and now within the City of Cambridge. The large lot, which once provided a large backyard, is now mostly occupied by a two-storey addition and attached garage with asphalt driveway. The subject property is legally described as:

LT 58 PL 442 CAMBRIDGE; PT LT 59 PL 442 CAMBRIDGE PT 1, 58R12317;
CAMBRIDGE.

Summary of Cultural Heritage Value

The subject property located at 35 Oak Street is a representative example of a Queen Anne architectural style residence within the City of Cambridge as it demonstrates features of a Queen Anne style dwelling such as the two and a half story massing, the asymmetrical layout, red running bond brick exterior, chimney stack, double hung windows, corner tower, prominent porch and ionic porch columns.

The subject property displays a high degree of craftsmanship including the various window types, sills, lintels, projecting eaves, decorative columns and railings, and a rich mix of textures and materials.



The house is constructed in the late 19th century and is associated with the prominent figure Peter Waters Gardiner, one of two prominent manufacturers of sash, doors, and millwork industry within the historic Town of Galt. The subject property is associated with the early industrial development and concentration of upper middle-class residencies in historic former Town of Galt.

The P.W. Gardiner House is important in maintaining and supporting the mid- late 19th character of Galt. It contributes to the historic character of the immediate and broader physical context of the street and the neighborhood through its architectural style, projecting gables & tower, decorative detailing, and prominent porch . The property also supports the legibility and character of the area as several residential streets were established when the neighbourhood of East Galt was formed.

The subject property at 35 Oak Street is a local and visual landmark due to its prominence within its context of Oak Street and East Galt in the late 19th century by the community. Also, its location as a large corner lot of Oak Street and Ball Avenue, ornamental architectural details, and setbacks are distinguishing features not shared by other buildings in its context.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes that reflect the cultural heritage value or interest of this property are:

- Two-and-a-half-storey and asymmetrical layout of the Queen Anne Style building;
- Quarry face granite foundation;
- Red brick running bond exterior;
- Complex cross-gable roof with wide freeze board, molded architrave and decorative fascia under the soffit;
- Two-storey corner tower with finial and balustrade;
- Tall prominent red brick chimney stack;
- Full width porch spanning the width of the east facade with decorative details, molded architrave, ionic columns, and balustrade;
- The projecting bays and dormer with decorative brackets;
- Enclosed sunroom with 1-over-1-windows and over-hanging eaves;
- Variety of windows types and detailing including muntins, lintels, sills, and transoms;
- Overall massing, setback, and location on a prominent corner lot in the neighbourhood of East Galt
- Contributes to the concentration of late 19th century residential buildings on Oak Street.



The interior of the building and any additions or outbuildings are excluded in this designation.

For more information on the Notice of Intention to Designate or the property, please contact Heritage Staff at heritageinfo@cambridge.ca

ANY PERSON MAY, within thirty days of the publication of this Notice, serve notice of their objection on the City Clerk in accordance with the Section 29(5) and 67 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts, in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

All objections should be directed to: 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.