

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BY-LAW 26-032

A By-law to Designate the Property Known as 29 Roseview Avenue, 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 29 Roseview Avenue, 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 29 Roseview Avenue, 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 FURTHER 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 FINALLY 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 26th day of February 2026.

MAYOR

CLERK

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of the
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Legal Description of Property

LT 238 PL 447 CAMBRIDGE; PT LT 237 PL 447 CAMBRIDGE AS IN WS552143;
CAMBRIDGE

SCHEDULE "B"
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Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 29 Roseview Avenue, constructed in 1891 by prominent local carpenter and builder Joseph B. Strain, is a well-preserved example of a late-Victorian residence designed in the Richardsonian Romanesque style. Known locally as "The Castle House," the building's architectural significance is evident in its asymmetrical massing, use of rough-faced ashlar granite, round-arched windows, decorative half-cove shingles, and intricate wooden detailing.

The property also holds historical value for its association with Joseph Strain, a skilled builder who contributed to Galt's development in the late 19th century. The house remains the most architecturally refined example of his work.

Contextually, the house contributes to the historic character of Roseview Avenue and visually anchors the corner of Roseview Avenue and Cambridge Street.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the property include:

- The two-and-a-half-storey form, scale, and massing of the original 1891 structure
- The use of ashlar, broken-course granite with raked joints
- The prominent square tower and corner turret with conical roof
- The round-arched windows with voussoirs and deep stone sills
- The arched front entry porch set into the façade
- The decorative wood detailing, including modillions, dentils, half-cove shingles, sunburst paneling, and carved brackets
- The corner lot placement and visibility from both Cambridge Street and Roseview Avenue.