

To: COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 2/24/2026

Subject: Recommendation to Enact Part IV Designations for Multiple Listed Properties

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Report No.: 26-007-PG

Wards Affected: Ward 1
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Council approves the recommendation to initiate the designation process under Part IV, section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for the properties identified in this report:

- 82 Glenmorris Street
- 295 Ainslie Street South
- 78 Barrie Street
- 78 Chalmers Street North
- 59 Bruce Street
- 27 Oak Street
- 745 Chilligo Road
- 11 Kay Street
- 39 Oak Street
- 47 Spruce Street
- 77 Lowell Street North
- 8 Cameron Street
- 24-28 Queens Square

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk be authorized to issue and publish the required Notices of Intention to Designate in accordance with section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose

This report recommends the designation of thirteen (13) properties that are currently listed on the City of Cambridge's Heritage Register.

Key Findings

- These properties meet the criteria prescribed under Ontario Regulation 9/06 (as amended by O. Reg. 569/22), demonstrating cultural heritage value in terms of design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual significance.
- Each property reflects important historical, architectural, and/or social development patterns in Cambridge.
- Designation will ensure long-term protection and conservation of these significant heritage resources.

Financial Implications

The City does provide and pay for a heritage plaque at a cost of approximately \$500. The City also pays to register the bylaw on title to the property, which is under \$100.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Core Service

Program: Community Development

Core Service: Heritage Conservation

BACKGROUND:

Following the passage of Bill 23, municipalities must designate or remove listed properties from the heritage register by January 1, 2027. In response, thirteen (13) properties have been identified for designation due to their historical importance, architectural integrity, and vulnerability to development pressure.

ANALYSIS:

Ontario Regulation 9/06 Evaluation Summary

The regulation requires that properties meet at least two of the nine criteria to be eligible for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The properties outlined in this report exceed this requirement, each demonstrating cultural heritage value through a combination of design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual criteria.

Supporting evaluations for each property are provided in **Appendices A through M** of Report No. 26-007-PG.

EXISTING POLICY / BY-LAW(S):

Ontario Heritage Act

Designation of these properties is subject to [Ontario Heritage Act](#), Designation by municipal by-law, Section 29 (1), (2), (3) and (4).

City of Cambridge Official Plan

Designation of these properties is subject to [Cambridge Official Plan](#), Section 4.6 of the City of Cambridge Official Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City does provide and pay for the installation of a heritage plaque at a cost of approximately \$500. The City also pays to register the bylaw on title to the property, which is under \$100.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE INPUT:

Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC)

At its meetings on December 4 and December 18, 2025, and January 15, 2026, the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee reviewed the heritage evaluation reports for the properties and unanimously recommended that they be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Council meetings are open to the public.

INTERNAL / EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:

Prior to and following the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) recommendations, staff provided notice to all affected property owners. Owners were contacted by email and through registered or hand-delivered mail regarding the proposed designations. Owners received detailed information outlining the designation process, relevant objection timelines, and available financial assistance programs such as the City's Designated Heritage Property Grant Program. Should Council direct staff to proceed, Notices of Intention to Designate (NOIDs) will be served on each property owner and published in accordance with the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Property owners have been advised through prior correspondence that Council's consideration of this report does not designate their property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA). If Council directs staff to issue Notices of Intention to Designate (NOIDs) under section 29(1) of the OHA, the formal designation process begins only once the NOIDs are published in accordance with Section 29(3).

Publication of the NOIDs initiates a 30-day notice period during which any property owner or member of the public may submit an objection under Section 29(5). In accordance with Section 29(6), any objections received must be considered by Council, which may decide to withdraw the NOID or proceed with designation.

Properties are not formally designated until the designation by-laws are passed by Council and registered on title. Under Section 29(8) of the OHA and pursuant to O. Reg. 385/21, Council must pass the by-laws within 120 days of publication of the NOIDs, unless an extension is permitted under prescribed exceptions.

CONCLUSION:

Each of the thirteen (13) properties recommended for designation meets or exceeds the legislative threshold for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Their protection will enhance Cambridge's cultural landscape and contribute to the long-term conservation of the city's architectural and historical heritage.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: **No**

By-law: **No**

Budget Amendment: **No**

Policy: **No**

APPROVALS:

This report has gone through the appropriate workflow and has been reviewed and or approved by the following as required:

Director

General Manager

Chief Financial Officer

City Solicitor

City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 26-007 PG Appendix A – 82 Glenmorris Street
2. 26-007 PG Appendix B – 295 Ainslie Street South
3. 26-007 PG Appendix C – 78 Barrie Street
4. 26-007 PG Appendix D – 78 Chalmers Street North
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