To:	Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
Meeting Date:	12/18/2025
Report Title:	78 Barrie Street - Recommendation to Designate
Report Author:	Cheyenne Mailloux, Planner - Heritage
Department:	Planning and Growth
Division:	Policy Planning
Report No.:	25-055 (MHAC)
File No.:	R01.01.190
Ward:	Ward 5

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report 25-055 (MHAC) Recommendation to Designate be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the subject property at 78 Barrie Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose

This report recommends the designation of 78 Barrie Street, (as shown on the Location Map, see **Attachment A**) under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The property meets the criteria for designation as it holds cultural heritage value due to its historical, architectural, and contextual significance.

Key Findings

- 78 Barrie Street was built in 1898, in the Edwardian architectural style. This house is featured in several historical maps, including the 1929 Galt Fire Insurance Plan (see Figure 1 in **Attachment D**)
- The house is a two-and-a-half-storey Edwardian residence built out of stone and brick, featuring several large-stylized windows, covered front porch, and a mansard style gable roof (see Figures 1-4 **Attachment E**)
- Architectural features include a rectangular floor plan, stone foundations, brick cladding, a large arched window on the front facing gable, a small hexagonal

window on the roof peak, a mansard style roof peak, shaker style shingles, front porch with detailed wood columns with capitals and balustrades

- The house was built by former Mayor of Galt, Robert Gilholm. Gilholm was a well-respected farmer, lumber merchant and sawmiller in the Town of Galt, co-owning and operating a steam-powered sawmill on Harris Street until 1900.
- The property was owned by the Dakin family during the late 19th century and into the 20th century. Henry "Hary" Dakin was a local businessman who owned and operated several businesses in Galt throughout his lifetime.

Staff concluded that the property meets four (4) of the nine (9) criteria under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Regulation 9/06 (as amended by 569/22)

Financial Implications

There is no cost to property owners associated with designating a property in Cambridge. The City does provide and pay for a heritage landmark plaque at a cost of approximately $500. The City also pays to register the bylaw on title to the property, which costs approximately $82. The property owner will be able to apply for a Designated Heritage Property Grant to support the costs of maintaining the heritage attributes of the property.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

☐ Strategic Action; or

☒ Core Service

Objective(s): Not Applicable

Strategic Action: Not Applicable

Program: Community Development

Core Service: Heritage Conservation

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Province of Ontario's direction through Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022 and Bill 200, the *Homeowner Protection Act*, 2024, the City of Cambridge is undergoing a comprehensive review of its Heritage Register. WSP Canada was retained by the City of Cambridge to complete a review of all non-designated properties listed on the Heritage Register. The objective of the Heritage Register Review process is to survey and assess at a high level, all listed properties, and to identify significant heritage properties that are candidates for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, temporary retention of the property on the Register, or removal from the Reister.

The property municipally known as 78 Barrie Street was evaluated by WSP, classified as a “Significant Built Heritage Resource”, and recommended for designation (see **Attachment B**). Further evaluation from staff concluded that the property, 78 Barrie Street, would benefit from designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The property is currently listed on the City’s Heritage Reister as a non-designated property of cultural heritage value or interest. The Register uses the description, “Constructed for lumber merchant Robert Gilholm in a red brick, Edwardian vernacular style. Attic windows have curved projections below giving the roof a mansard style appearance. Covered front porch with detailed turned wood columns,” to describe the property. The property was featured in the local Landmarks series, printed in the local newspaper on June 20, 2000 (see **Attachment D**, Figure 15).

Photographs of the subject property, taken by Heritage Staff on December 3, 2025, from the Public Right of Way, Apple Maps, and taken from the Heritage Assessment completed by WSP, can be found in **Attachment E** (Figures 1-4). Historical and archival documentation of the subject property can be found in **Attachment D** (Figures 1-16).

ANALYSIS:

The following is a brief description of the architectural, historical, and contextual background of the property located at 78 Barrie Street. A more detailed analysis can be found in the Statement of Cultural Value (see **Attachment C**).

Location and Setting

The property located at 78 Barrie Street is situated on the west side of Barrie Street, between Churchill Drive and Cedar Street (formerly known as Waterloo Street) in West Galt (see **Attachment 1**). Barrie Street is a historic residential street in West Galt, with many of the existing buildings dating back to pre-1950.

The legal description of the property is PLAN 473 PT LOTS 15 & 16 IN;BLK A. The property is zoned R4 – Low Density Residential and falls within the land use designations for Residential Properties outlined within the Official Plan. The property is currently not subject to any active applications.

The dwelling is visible from Barrie Street, surrounded by several smaller trees and manicured gardens. The property has large front and back yards, with access to the rear alley/right away. There are two (2) neighboring properties, each with houses that date back to pre-1950.The property is featured in several historical maps, including the 1929 Galt Fire Insurance Plan (see **Attachment D**, Figure 1), confirming the lots development in the late 19th century.

Design and Physical Value

78 Barrie Street is a two-and-a-half-storey Edwardian style residence, constructed out of stone and brick in 1898. It is distinguished by the rectangular floor plan, stone foundation, brick cladding, large arched window on the roof peak, and the covered verandah with detailed wooden columns.

Key Features Include:

- **Form and Massing:** Edwardian, two-and-a-half storey residential structure
- **Materials:** Stone foundation with red brick cladding
- **Windows and Doors:** Rounded-arched windows on front façade and front roof peak, along with large, shuttered windows on the upper storey. All existing window and door openings look to be original to the build
- **Roof:** Gable roof, with cedar shaker style shingles and mansard style rooflines above second-floor windows
- **Porch:** covered porch on the northern side of the house, supported by wooden columns with detailed capitals and balustrades
- **Chimney:** Red brick chimney on the eastern side of the building

Historical and Associative Value

78 Barrie Street was built for and owned by Robert Gilholm, a prominent businessman in Galt and former Mayor of the Town of Galt in the late 19th century. Gilholm had the house built in 1898. He is the namesake behind Gilholm Avenue in West Galt.

Mayor Robert Gilholm was a well-respected farmer, lumber merchant, sawmiller, and politician who lived and worked in Galt throughout his life. He was born in 1833 in North Dumfries to Robert Gilholm and Anne Foreman, local farmers who owned land on Cedar Creek Road outside of Galt. Gilholm worked as a farmhand for many years during his youth, threshing for a number of farmers in the surrounding area before taking over his family farm following his parents' deaths in 1853. In 1859, Gilholm, along with George Hogg, purchased a steam-powered sawmill on Harris Street in Galt, which he would operate until selling it to P.W. Gardiner in 1900. The sawmill would later be a part of the P.W. Gardiner & Sons Door Factory. He owned and developed roughly 75 properties throughout Galt, including 45 Fraser Street, which would be sold to John Goldie or Goldie and McCulloch in 1890 during a public auction.

Throughout the late 19th century, Gilholm would become heavily involved in local politics, serving as Chairman of the Galt Public School Board; serving as an Alderman on Galt's Town Council in 1884 and 1885; serving as Reeve from 1890-1892 and 1895-1896; and serving as Mayor for the Town of Galt from 1893-1894. He also served as on County Council and was Warden for the County of Waterloo in 1892.

Gilholm was also one of the original members of the Central Presbyterian Church congregation and was one of the main driving forces behind having the 1880 church erected in Galt. He sat on the Church's Board of Trustees for many years and regularly participated in the public auctions hosted by the church.

Gilholm was inducted into the Region of Waterloo Hall of Fame for his service to his community and the greater Waterloo Region during the late 19th century. He was recognized for his work on the Town of Galt's town council and as Mayor, as well as his work at the County level.

The house was sold in 1898 to Isabella Dakin for $2,000, making it the most expensive house on the block. Isabella was the wife of Henry "Harry" Dakin, a local plumber, electrician, and businessowner. Harry owned several businesses throughout his lifetime, including Galt Brass Foundry and Novelty Works and Dakin & Co. Electricians. Galt Brass Foundry and Novelty Works was established in 1882, manufacturing brass castings of all kinds, specializing in fixtures for engineers, electricians, and plumbers. In 1916, Dakin opened Dakin & Co. Electricians at 49 Main Street, which operated until 1922.

Contextual Value

78 Barrie Street displays significant contextual value because of its architectural value and building materials which help it both define and maintain the character of the surrounding neighborhood and the overall character of the historic community of Galt. It is located in an area with a high concentration of buildings constructed pre-1950.

Evaluation under Ontario Regulation 9/06 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Heritage Planning staff are of the opinion that the property warrants designation based on a determination that the property satisfies four (4) of the nine (9) criteria contained in the *Ontario Regulation 9/06* (as amended by 569/22). According to the legislative changes introduced to the *Ontario Heritage Act* through the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022, properties must meet at least two (2) of the nine (9) criteria under Ontario Regulation 9/06 (amended by the 569/22) to be considered for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act.*

1. The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative, or early example of a style, type, expression, material, or construction method.

YES. 78 Barrie Street is a representation of the Edwardian architectural style, popularized during the late 19th and early 20th century. The two-and-a-half storey residence was built in 1898 in Galt, representative of the Edwardian architectural style.

characterized by the rectangular floor plan, the low gable roof, and the open front verandah.

Notable architectural features at 78 Barrie Street include the red brick exterior, shaker style shingles, hexagonal window in gable peak, rounded arch windows, shutters, mansard style rooflines above second floor windows, window cornices, covered verandah, carved pediment, detailed wood columns with capitals and balustrades.

2. The property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.

YES. 78 Barrie Street displays significant design or physical value because the property displays a high degree of craftsmanship. This is best seen in the decorative elements throughout the build, specifically seen through the curved attic windows, the small hexagonal window near the attic giving the appearance of a mansard style roofline, the shaker style cedar shingles on the roof peak, and the covered front porch with detailed wood columns.

3. The property has design value or physical value because it demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

NO. Although the property displays significant built heritage, 78 Barrie Street does not demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement to meet this requirement.

4. The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization, or institution that is significant to a community.

YES. 78 Barrie Street displays significant historical and associative value because it has direct association with Robert Gilholm, former Mayor of Galt, Town Councilor, County Warden, and Public Schoolboard Chairman during the late 19th century. Gilholm was a well- respected businessman, farmer, sawmiller, politician and community member in the Town of Galt and contributed heavily to the development of the Town of Galt in the late 19th century.

Alongside this, the property has direct associations with Henry “Harry” Dakin, a local plumber, electrician, manufacturer, and businessman, who owned and operated several businesses throughout Galt.

5. The property has historical value or associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.

NO. While the property displays significant built and associative heritage, 78 Barrie Street does not have the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of the surrounding community or culture.

6. The property has historical value or associative value because it demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer, or theorist who is significant to a community.

NO. While 78 Barrie Street displays significant historic and associative value, it does not reflect the work or ideas of a well-known architect, artist, builder, designer, or theorist who is significant to a community.

7. The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining, or supporting the character of an area.

YES. 78 Barrie Street displays significant contextual value because it is important in defining and supporting the historical character of the area through its construction materials, 19th century building practices and craftsmanship, the Edwardian Vernacular architectural style, and wood detailing along the columns with capitals and balustrades, seen throughout the surrounding neighbourhood.

8. The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually, or historically linked to its surroundings.

NO. Although 78 Barrie Street displays significant built heritage value, it is not clearly physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.

9. The property has contextual value because it is a landmark.

NO. 78 Barrie Street is not a recognized or identified landmark.

ANALYSIS:

Cultural Heritage Attributes:

The following identified heritage attributes of the property enhance the architectural integrity and aesthetics, reflecting the craftsmanship of the era.

- The two-and-a-half storey red brick single-detached dwelling built in the Edwardian style
    - Mass, form, and style of the building;
    - Red brick exterior;
    - Rounded arch windows;
    - Hexagonal shaped window in gable peak;
    - Mansard style rooflines about second storey windows;

- Wooden shutters;
- Brackets;
- Brick voussoirs;
- Covered verandah;
- Balustrades;
- Pediment with wood carving details;
- Columns with capitals; and
- Brick chimney

The heritage analysis conducted by Heritage Planning Staff did not include an interior evaluation. As such, no interior features were included within the recommended list of heritage attributes.

EXISTING POLICY / BY-LAW(S):

Ontario Heritage Act

Designation by Municipal By-law

29 (1) The council of a municipality may, by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest if,

(a) where criteria for determining whether property is of cultural heritage value or interest have been prescribed, the property meets the prescribed criteria; and

(b) the designation is made in accordance with the process set out in this section. 2005, c. 6, s. 17 (1); 2019, c. 9, Sched. 11, s. 7 (1); 2022, c. 21, Sched. 6, s. 4 (1).

Notice Required

(1.1) Subject to subsections (1.2) and (2), if the council of a municipality intends to designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest, it shall cause notice of intention to designate the property to be given by the clerk of the municipality in accordance with subsection (3). 2005, c. 6, s. 17 (1); 2019, c. 9, Sched. 11, s. 7 (2).

Consultation

(2) Where the council of a municipality has appointed a municipal heritage committee, the council shall, before giving notice of its intention to designate a property under subsection (1), consult with its municipal heritage committee. R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, s. 29 (2); 2002, c. 18, Sched. F, s. 2 (9).

Notice of Intention

(3) Notice of intention to designate under subsection (1) shall be,

(a) served on the owner of the property and on the Trust; and

(b) published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality. R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, s. 29 (3); 2005. c. 6. s. 1.

Contents of Notice

(4) Notice of intention to designate property that is served on the owner of property and on the Trust under clause (3) (a) shall contain,

(a) an adequate description of the property so that it may be readily ascertained;

(b) a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property; and

(c) a statement that notice of objection to the notice of intention to designate the property may be served on the clerk within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality under clause (3) (b). 2005, c. 6, s. 17 (2); 2019, c. 9, Sched. 11, s. 7 (4).

Same

(4.1) Notice of intention to designate property that is published in a newspaper of general circulation in a municipality under clause (3) (b) shall contain,

(a) an adequate description of the property so that it may be readily ascertained;

(b) a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property;

(c) a statement that further information respecting the notice of intention to designate the property is available from the municipality; and

(d) a statement that notice of objection to the notice of intention to designate the property may be served on the clerk within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality under clause (3) (b). 2005, c. 6, s. 17 (2); 2019, c. 9, Sched. 11, s. 7 (5).

City of Cambridge Official Plan

4.6 Designation of Heritage Properties

1. The City will regulate as fully as possible the demolition, removal or inappropriate alteration of buildings of cultural heritage value or interest included in the Register of

Cultural Heritage Resources referred to in Section 4.3, and for these purposes, Council may:

a) pass by-laws pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act* to designate properties including such buildings or structures to be of cultural heritage value. Council shall not permit the demolition, removal or inappropriate alteration of such buildings or structures for a period of 90 days following application by the owner of such buildings or structures, or such further period of time as Council and the owner may agree upon, unless Council has repealed the by-law designating such property or part thereof;

2. Council will preserve and protect the cultural heritage resources owned by the City and prepare and follow a maintenance programme for these resources.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no cost to property owners associated with designating a property in Cambridge. The City does provide and pay for a heritage landmark plaque at a cost of approximately $500. The City also pays to register the bylaw on title to the property, which costs approximately $82. The property owners will be able to apply for a Designated Heritage Property Grant to support the costs of maintaining the heritage attributes of the property.

PUBLIC VALUE:

Transparency:

The MHAC agenda is posted on the City's website as part of the reporting process.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

INTERNAL / EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:

The owner of the property was notified via registered mail on December 3, 2025, regarding the ongoing heritage designation process and the staff report.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the findings that the subject property meets more than (2) two criteria under Ontario Regulation 9/06 needed to designate a property. Heritage staff are of the opinion that the property possesses significant cultural heritage value to warrant designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Therefore, staff recommend that MHAC support the designation of the property and request that Council

direct the City Clerk to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the property located at 78 Barrie Street, in accordance with part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: **No**

By-law: **No**

Budget Amendment: **No**

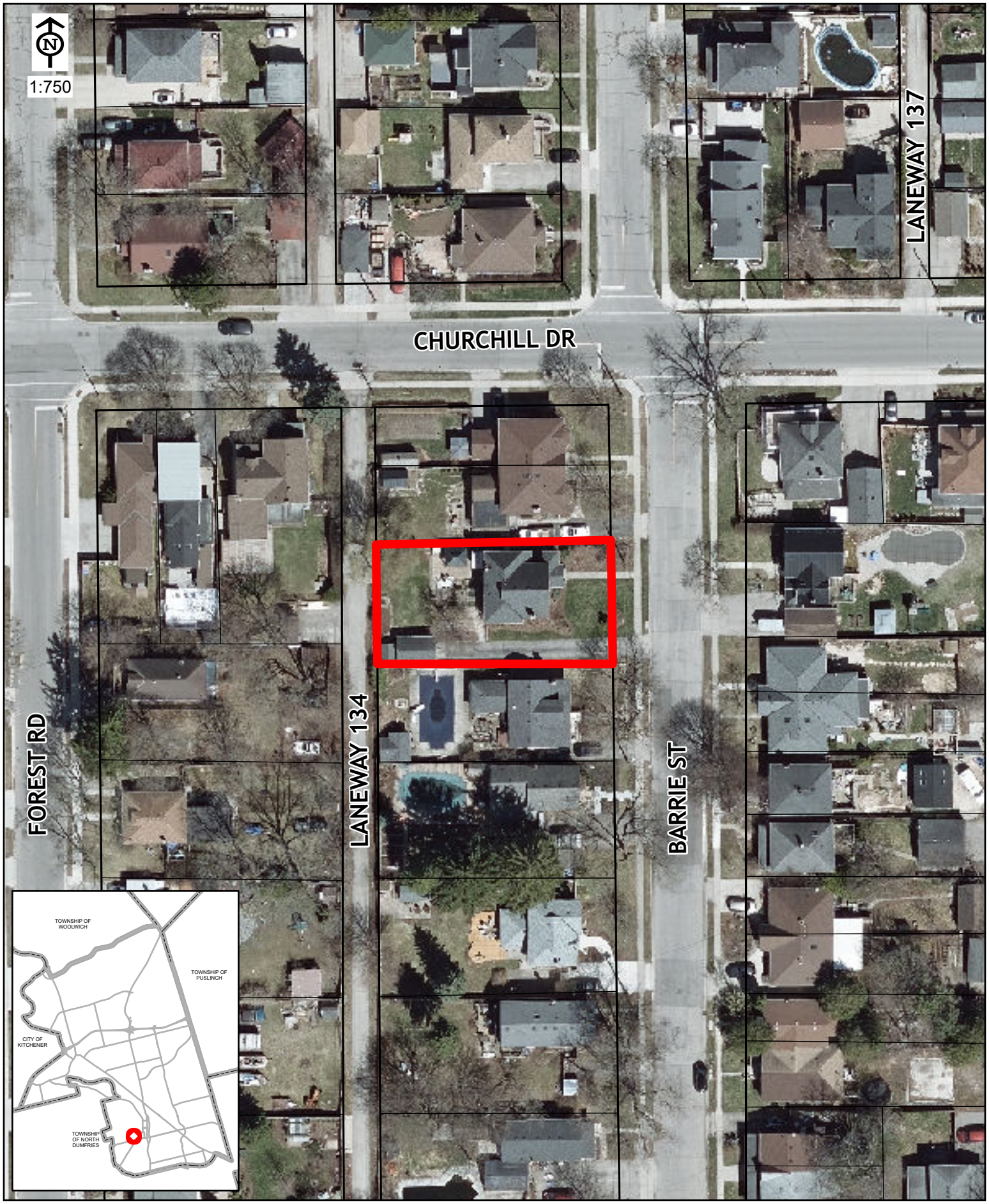
Policy: **No**

APPROVALS:

This report has been reviewed and approved for inclusion in the agenda by the Melissa Aldunate, Manager of Policy Planning.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 25-055 (MHAC) Attachment A - Location Map
2. 25-055 (MHAC) Attachment B – WSP Assessment
3. 25-055 (MHAC) Attachment C – Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
4. 25-055 (MHAC) Attachment D – Historical Documentation
5. 25-055 (MHAC) Attachment E – Site Photos
6. 25-055 (MHAC) Attachment F – Draft NOID for 78 Barrie Street



ATTACHMENT A

78 BARRIE ST

CAMBRIDGE
Technology Services
GIS Division
Wednesday, December 3, 2025 9:22 AM
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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
LISTED (NON-DESIGNATED) PROPERTY REVIEW FORM

Address: 78 Barrie Street, Cambridge, Ontario

Common Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Ward: Galt

Legal Description: N/A

Plate 1: Front Façade (East Elevation) of 78 Barrie Street

Plate 2: Location of 78 Barrie Street

PROPERTY OBSERVATIONS:

Integrity: ☒ Preserved / Intact ☐ Modified ☐ Compromised ☐ Demolished (date): _____

Construction Period: ☐1820-1850 ☐1851-1875 ☒1876-1900 ☐1901-1945 ☐1946-1975 ☐1976-1999

Year (if known): 1898

Architect / Builder / Craftsperson (if known): Unknown

Massing: ☒Single-detached ☐ Semi-detached ☐ Row ☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

Storeys: ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☒ 2½ ☐ 3 ☐ 3½ ☐ 4 or more ☐ Irregular ☐ Other: _____

Foundation Construction Material: ☒Stone ☐Brick ☐Concrete ☐Wood ☐Other: _____ Finish:

Building Construction Material (if known): ☐Brick ☐Frame (wood) ☐Stone ☐Log ☐ Other: Unknown

Building Cladding: ☐Wood ☐Stone ☒Brick ☐Stucco ☐Synthetic ☐Other: _____ Finish: Red brick

Roof Type: ☐ Hip ☐ Flat ☐ Gambrel ☐ Mansard ☒ Gable ☐ Other: _____ **Type:** Front gable

Roof Materials: ☒Asphalt Shingle ☐Wood Shingle ☐Slate ☐Tile/Terra Cotta ☐Tar/Gravel ☐Metal ☐Other: ___

Architectural Style / Influence:

☐ Art Deco / Moderne (1910-1950)	☐ Classical Revival (1820-1860)	☐ International (1920-1950)	☐ Neo-Gothic (1900-1945)	☐ Regency (1820-1860)
☐ Arts and Crafts (1890-1940)	☐ Colonial Revival (1900-2003)	☐ Italian Villa (1830-1900)	☐ Ontario Cottage (1840-1900)	☐ Richardson Romanesque (1840-1900)
☐ Beaux-Arts (1885-1945)	☒ Edwardian (1890-1916)	☐ Italianate (1850-1900)	☐ Period Revivals (1900-2014)	☐ Second Empire (1860-1900)
☐ Bungalow (1900-1945)	☐ Georgian / Mennonite Georgian (1750-1850)	☐ Mid-Century Modern (1945-1965)	☐ Post-Modern (1960-2009)	☐ Vernacular
☐ Chateau (1880-1930)	☐ Gothic Revival (1830-1900)	☐ Neo-Classical (1810-1850)	☐ Queen Anne (1870-1910)	☐ Wartime Housing (1940-1960)
☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.				

Notes: Edwardian Vernacular Style

Notable Building Features:

☒ Porch	☒ Sill(s)	☐ Tower/Spire	☐ Bargeboard	☐ Eaves
☒ Verandah	☐ Lintel(s)	☐ Dome	☐ Transom	☒ Balustrade
☐ Balcony	☒ Shutters	☐ Finial	☐ Side Light	☐ Dormer
☐ Door(s)	☐ Quoins	☐ Pilaster	☒ Pediment	☒ Chimney
☐ Stairs	☒ Voussoir	☒ Capital	☒ Brackets	☐ Parapet
☐ Fire wall	☒ Cornice	☐ Panel	☐ Date Stone	☐ Bay
☒ Window Details: Rounded arch sashed windows, hexagonal shaped window in the front gable		☒ Column	☐ Cresting	☒ Other: Carvings on pediment, shaker style shingles, mansard style rooflines above second floor windows

Notes: Click or tap here to enter text.

Context:

☒ Streetscape (Residential / Commercial) ☐ Terrace / Row ☐ Complex / Grouping ☐ Landmark

☐ Multi-Address Parcel (list addresses): Click or tap here to enter text. ☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

☐ Related Buildings: Click or tap here to enter text.

Plan: ☐ Square ☐ Rectangular ☐ L ☐ U ☒ T ☐ H ☐ Cross ☐ Irregular ☐ Other: _____

Wings: Front **Setback**: ☒ Shallow ☐ Deep ☐ At ROW ☐ **Other:** _____ ☐ Corner Lot

Accessory Features and Structures:

☒ Features (i.e., stone wall, fountain, trees/garden beds):

- Garden beds along the front and south side of the home
- Driveway on the south side

☒ Structures (i.e., shed, ice house, drive shed):

- Detached garage on the southwest side
- Shed on the north side of the property

- Trees and shrubs along the north side
- Two mature trees at the rear

ADDITIONAL NOTES, DOCUMENTATION AND RESEARCH:

- The dwelling was constructed for lumber merchant and Mayor of Galt Robert Gilholm https://generations.regionofwaterloo.ca/getperson.php?personID=I63217&tree=generations Robert Gilholm, born in Dumfries Township, Gore District, served as the Mayor of Galt (now part of Cambridge, Ontario) in 1893. His career spanned various roles, including Warden of the County of Waterloo in 1892. Before his political tenure, he worked as a saw miller and lumberman, contributing to the region's industrial growth. His leadership helped shape Galt's governance during a transformative period in its history. (Source: Mayor Robert Gilholm b. 1 Jan 1833 North Dumfries Twp., Waterloo Region, Ontario, Canada d. 11 Apr 1904: Waterloo Region Generations)

Further Historical Value/ Associative Value Research/Evaluation:

☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended

Further historical research recommended to learn more about the associations with Robert Gilholm.

Related Planning, Building or Heritage Files:

- N/A

OBSERVATION FORM COMPLETION:

Surveyed By:	Meghan McKay, Junior Cultural Heritage Specialist	**Date:**	12/24/2024
Reviewed By:	Kanika Kaushal, Senior Cultural Heritage Specialist	**Date:**	06/11/2025

PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

For properties to be considered *Significant Built Resources* and prioritized for inclusion in the designation work plan, they must meet, at minimum, **two** of nine O. Reg. 9/06 criteria (as amended by O. Reg. 569/22).

For properties to be considered *Character-Supporting Resources* and to be retained on the Heritage Register, they must meet, at minimum, **one** O. Reg. 9/06 criteria.

Yes/No	O. Reg. 9/06 Criteria	Discussion
☒	1. The property's style, type, expression, material or construction method is: ☐ rare ☒ unique ☐ representative ☐ early	The property located at 78 Barrie Street contains a two-and-a-half storey brick home built in 1898 and is representative of the Edwardian Vernacular style. Notable architectural features include the red brick exterior, shaker style shingles, rounded arch windows, shutters, mansard style rooflines above second floor windows, hexagonal window in gable peak, window cornices, covered verandah, carved pediment, detailed wood columns with capitals and balustrades.
☒	2. The property displays a high degree of: ☒ craftsmanship ☐ artistic merit	The property displays a high degree of craftsmanship through its attic windows that have curved projections below giving the roof a mansard style appearance and covered front porch with detailed turned wood columns.
☐	3. The property demonstrates a high degree of: ☐ technical ☐ scientific achievement.	N/A
☒	4. The property has direct associations with a potentially significant: ☐ theme ☐ event ☐ belief ☒ person ☐ activity ☐ organization ☐ institution	Robert Gilholm was a local farmer and lumber trader who went on to become the mayor of Galt and the chairman of the public schoolboard. His leadership helped shape Galt's governance during a transformative period in its history. The 1861 Tremaine Waterloo County Map identifies the subject lands under ownership of William Dickson (1861 Tremaine Waterloo County Map) who was a prominent landowner, Canadian Senator, and a public figure with a long career in law, politics, and military service. No direct associative link between William Dickson and the subject property has been demonstrated.
☐	5. The property yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.	N/A
☐	6. The property demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of a potentially significant: ☐ architect ☐ artist ☐ builder ☐ designer ☐ theorist	N/A

Yes/No	O. Reg. 9/06 Criteria	Discussion
☒	7. The property is important in: ☐ defining ☐ maintaining ☒ supporting the character of an area.	The property is important in supporting the historical character of the area through its architectural style, wood detailing, construction materials, associations and mature trees.
☐	8. The property is linked to its surroundings: ☐ physically ☐ functionally ☐ visually ☐ historically	N/A
☐	9. The property is a landmark.	N/A

Classification:

☒ Significant Built Heritage Resource ☐ Character Supporting Resource ☐ Not a Heritage Resource

Draft Statement of Cultural Heritage Value:

Description of the Property:	The property located at 78 Barrie Street contains a two-and-a-half storey brick home built in 1898 in the Edwardian Vernacular architectural style. The property also contains garden beds along the front and south side of the home, a driveway on the south side, trees and shrubs along the north side, two mature trees at the rear, a detached garage on the southwest side and a shed on the north side of the property.
Statement of Cultural Heritage Value:	The property located at 78 Barrie Street contains a two-and-a-half storey brick home built in 1898 and is representative of the Edwardian Vernacular architectural style. Notable architectural features include the red brick exterior, shaker style shingles, rounded arch windows, shutters, mansard style rooflines above second floor windows, window cornices, hexagonal window in gable peak, covered verandah, carved pediment, detailed wood columns with capitals and balustrades. Robert Gilholm was a local farmer and lumber trader who went on to become the mayor of Galt and the chairman of the public schoolboard. His leadership helped shape Galt's governance during a transformative period in its history. The 1861 Tremaine Waterloo County Map identifies the subject lands under ownership of William Dickson (1861 Tremaine Waterloo County Map) who was a prominent landowner, Canadian Senator, and a public figure with a long career in law, politics, and military service. No direct associative link between William Dickson and the subject property has been demonstrated. The property is important in supporting the historical character of the area through its architectural style, construction materials, associations and mature trees.
Heritage Attributes:	• Two-and-a-half storey red brick home in the Edwardian Vernacular style ○ Two-and-a-half storey massing

	○ Red brick exterior ○ Rounded arch windows ○ Hexagonal shaped window in gable peak ○ Mansard style rooflines above second storey windows ○ Shutters ○ Brackets ○ Brick voussoirs ○ Covered verandah ○ Balustrades ○ Pediment with wood carving details ○ Columns with capitals ○ Brick chimney • Mature trees

CRITERIA OF RISK OR VALUE:

Properties that meet many of the following risk criteria may be prioritized for inclusion in the designation work plan:

☒ Known to possess significant CHVI (i.e., rare, unique, important historic associations, landmark)

☐ Located along a corridor planned for intensification

☐ Located in a proposed Stage 2 ION Station Are

☐ Located in a Secondary Plan Area or area aligned with other City initiatives or studies

☐ The site of a proposed development or threatened with demolition

☐ Located in an area experiencing development pressure or with a trend of high heritage loss (i.e., high number of development and building permit applications received)

☒ Located in an area with a concentration of pre-1950 buildings

☐ Located in a remaining settlement area (i.e., distinct place with unique identities)

☐ Located on a rural landscape or other cultural heritage landscape (i.e., does the property contain a barn?)

RECOMMENDATION:

☒ Add to Designation Work Plan

☐ Consider designation as part of an HCD (Part V Designation)

☐ Retain on Heritage Register (until 2027) and add to non-status inventory

☐ Remove from Heritage Register

NOTES:

- N/A

EVALUATION FORM COMPLETION:

Surveyed By:	Meghan McKay, Junior Cultural Heritage Specialist	**Date:**	02/24/2025
Reviewed By:	Kanika Kaushal, Senior Cultural Heritage Specialist	**Date:**	06/11/2025

City Staff Reviewer:	Jeremy Parsons, Senior Planner – Heritage	**Date:**	07/08/2025
Council Decision:		**Date:**	
City Database Update:		**Date:**	

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTATION:

- N/A

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Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes

78 Barrie Street, Cambridge

Legal Description

PLAN 473 PT LOTS 15 & 16 IN;BLK A

Description of Historic Place

The property at 78 Barrie Street is located on the west side of Barrie Street, between Churchill Drive and Cedar Street (formerly known as Waterloo Street), in historic West Galt. The property contains a two-and-a-half storey red brick Edwardian style residence that was built in 1898.

Summary of Cultural Heritage Value

The property at 78 Barrie Street exhibits physical/design value, historical/associative value, and contextual value.

78 Barrie Street is considered a representative example of a house built in the Edwardian architectural style. The two-and-a-half storey, red brick dwelling has a solid rectangular form, symmetrical proportions, and a covered verandah. Notable architectural features include the stone foundation, brick cladding, large arched window on the roof peak, and the covered verandah with detailed wooden columns.

The property at 78 Barrie Street is associated with both former Mayor of Galt, Robert Gilholm, and local businessman, Henry “Harry” Dakin. Mayor Robert Gilholm was a well-respected farmer, lumber merchant, sawmiller, and politician who lived and worked in Galt throughout his life. In 1859, Gilholm, along with George Hogg, purchased a steam-powered sawmill on Harris Street in Galt, which he would operate until selling it to P.W. Gardiner in 1900. Gilholm was also a property developer, who owned and developed roughly 75 properties throughout Galt, including 78 Barrie Street.

Alongside this, Gilholm was heavily involved in local politics throughout the late 19th century, serving as Chairman of the Galt Public School Board; an Alderman on Galt’s Town Council in 1884 and 1885; as Reeve from 1890-1892 and 1895-1896; and as Mayor for the Town of Galt from 1893-1894. He also served as on County Council and was Warden for the County of Waterloo in 1892.

Henry “Harry” Dakin was a local plumber, electrician, and businessowner. Harry owned several businesses throughout his lifetime, including Galt Brass Foundry and Novelty Works (located on George Street South) and Dakin & Co. Electricians (located at 49 Main Street).

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78 Barrie Street is located in historic West Galt, in an area that has a heavy concentration of residences constructed before and during the early half of the 20th century. Through its architectural style and the materials used to construct the building, the house helps support the overall character of the neighbourhood.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The character-defining heritage attributes of 78 Barrie Street include the following:

- The two-and-a-half storey red brick single-detached dwelling built in the Edwardian style
    - Mass, form, and style of the building;
    - Red brick exterior;
    - Rounded arch windows;
    - Hexagonal shaped window in gable peak;
    - Mansard style rooflines about second storey windows;
    - Wooden shutters;
    - Brackets;
    - Brick voussoirs;
    - Covered verandah;
    - Balustrades;
    - Pediment with wood carving details;
    - Columns with capitals; and
    - Brick chimney

These features contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property by reflecting physical/design value in the house's original layout, original building material, and historic architectural and design features. The assemblage of these architectural elements forms a representative example of the Edwardian architectural style and the craftsmanship of the late 19th century.

The property's heritage designation does not extend to any interior features.

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Figure 1 - 1929 Galt Fire Insurance Plan – Pg 11

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— Robert Gilholm 1833-1904

Robert Gilholm, a former mayor of Galt, was born in North Dumfries Township in 1833. His parents came from Northumberlandshire and settled on a farm near Galt in 1832.

In 1859 Gilholm and George Hogg purchased a sawmill on Harris Street, Galt, from Andrew Dryden and operated it until 1900.

In 1883 he was appointed to the town council, served as alderman for a number of years, and as mayor in 1893 and 1894. He was also on the County council and was warden in 1892. He was a Liberal.

Gilholm was one of the original members of Central Presbyterian Church and was very influential in having the 1880 church erected. He was held in high regard by all with whom he came into contact.

Figure 2 - Region of Waterloo Hall of Fame - https://regionofwaterloomuseums.ca/en/visit/list-of-hall-of-fame-inductees.aspx#Robert-Gilholm-1833-1904

the father of James Kerr of Lansdowne Ave.; Lavin Street recalls Peter Lavin, the builder and proprietor of the Albion Hotel. Robert Gilholm, farmer, sawmiller, townbuilder, mayor, chairman of Public School Board, left Gilholm Street to recall his many activities and the extensive services he gave to the town. But not only his own name, but that of his daughter Ann is recalled when Ann Street is reached and farther east Peck Street recalls his purchase of the property from Lt.-Col. Thomas Peck and its subdivisions into town lots.

Many other streets recall names such as Salisbury, Lansdowne, Stanley, Wellington, Middleton, Connaught, Gladstone,

Figure 3 - Seventh Annual Report of the Waterloo Historical Society, 1919, Kitchener Ont, p.71, https://www.whs.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/1919.pdf

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OTTAWA, Oct. 29 (AP).—American door manufacturers were charged before the Tariff Advisory Board today with dumping their product into this country at less than cost, to the detriment of Canadian manufacturers.

The charge was made by P. W. Gardiner & Son, Ltd., door manufacturers, of Galt, Ontario, at a hearing on an application by a number of Ontario and Quebec door manufacturers for stabilization of the amount of protection which Canadian manufacturers may reasonably expect.

Opposition to any revision of the tariff on doors entering the Dominion was placed before the board in the form of a communication from the Timber Industries Council of British Columbia.

The applicants obtained thirty days for the presentation of further evidence.

Figure 5 - P.W. Gardiner - https://www.nytimes.com/1926/10/30/archives/charge-american-dumping-canadian-doormakers-urge-increase-of.html

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Moved by J.H. Radford, seconded by W.R. Plum:

"That this council at its first meeting since the death of the late Robert Gilholm, Esq., of Galt, desires hereby to place on record its appreciation of the sterling character, kindly nature and wide municipal experience of deceased.

Having for a period of eleven years been a member of this council, occupying the position of warden in 1892, his qualities as a loyal citizen of Waterloo became thoroughly well-known to representatives, and we can well believe, well deserved the eulogy passed upon him by his fellow citizens, that he wore the white flower of a blameless life. Such men as Mr. Gilholm have made this county what it is to-day —a community of God-fearing, thrifty, industrious and peaceable people. The influences of deceased's life tended to steady public discussion and enhance private virtue."

Council adjourned at 4.15 p.

Figure 6 - The Chronicle Telegraph, Apr 28, 1904, p.6 - Small acknowledgement of his contributions following his death by council

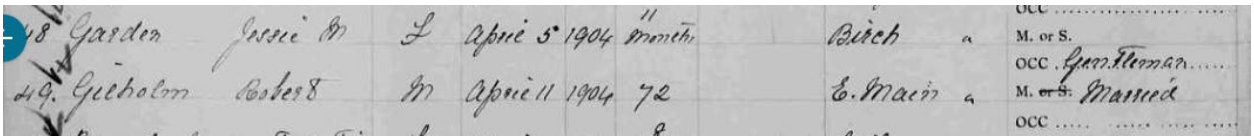

Figure 7 - Death Record - https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-D199-67G?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AJKCT-76G&action=view&cc=1307826&lang=en&groupId=

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Mayor William Lutz 1891
" John M. Lumsden 1892
Mayor Robert Gilholm 1893
" " " 1894
" Dr. Vardon 1895

BOARD OF HEALTH.

R. Fairgrieve,
Theron Buchanan (1 year),
Geo. H. Stevens,
J. M. Hood, Secretary.
Robt. Gilholm (3 years),
J. S. Wardlaw, Med. Health Officer,
Adam Kay, Sanitary Inspector,

Figure 8 - 1897 Galt Souvenir – pg. 21-22

The saw mill of Gilholm & Hogg has been established 17 years, and employs from 10 to 15 hands in the manufacture of lumber and shingles.

The Galt Nurseries of D. Caldwell & Sons have been estab-

Public School Board. Thomas Cowan, Chairman; D. Jamieson, Sec; Alfred Taylor, James Scrimger, Wm. Graham, E. J. Wilkins, Robert Patrick, Charles Turnbull, Robert Gilholm, Joseph Radford, M.D.

Separate School Board. Edward Radigan, Chairman;

GILHOLM ROBERT (*Gilholm & Hogg*), h Oak
GILHOLM & HOGG (*Robert Gilholm and Geo Hogg*), mnfrs lumber and shingles, Harris

Municipal Councils—1884.

VILLAGE OF AYR—John Watson, Reeve; John Wyllie, R. Henderson, C. McGeorge, W. Hilborn.

TOWN OF BERLIN—A. Millar, Mayor; F. Snider, Reeve; J. M. Scully, Deputy Reeve; *Councillors*—North Ward: H. Braun, J. Hoffman, H. S. Authes. South Ward: J. Potter, J. H. Heller, J. B. Hett. East Ward: H. Kimmel, H. Allemang, H. Schwenn. West Ward: W. Niehaus, C. E. Moyer, E. Bricker.

TOWN OF GALT—Richard Jaffray, Mayor; James McTague, Reeve; James Patterson, 1st Deputy Reeve; Edward J. Wilkins, 2nd Deputy Reeve. *Councillors*—1st Ward: Thos. Cowan, Edward Robinson. 2nd Ward: Robert Gilholm, Wm. Young. 3rd Ward: Archibald McAustin, G. T. Strickland. 4th Ward: Joseph Ellis, Robert Patrick. 5th Ward: John Caul, Robert Broomfield.

VILLAGE OF HESPELER—Lewis Kribs, Reeve; David Rife Jr., A. B. Jardine, James Cunningham, John Braid.

VILLAGE OF NEW HAMBURG—O. Pressprich, Reeve; Lewis Hahn, J. Mayer, M. Brodrecht, M. Graff.

Figure 9 - Waterloo Directory 1884-1885 – Pg. 13, 15, 188, 270

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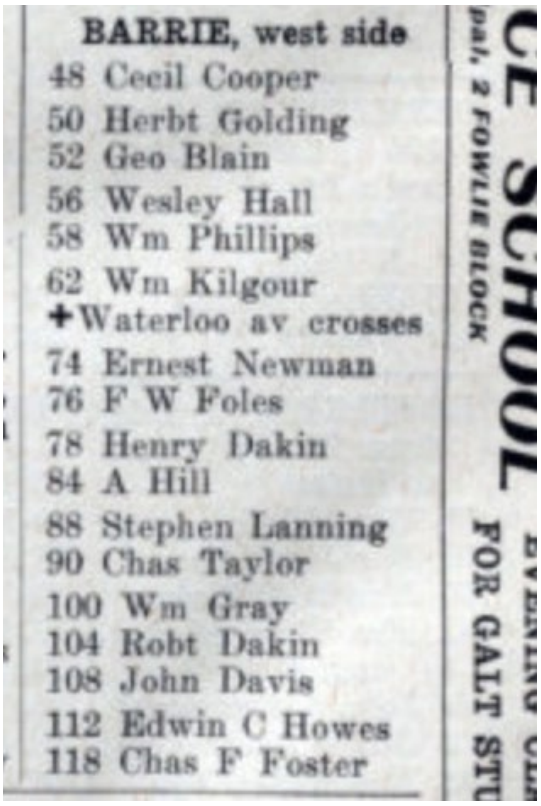

BARRIE, west side
48 Cecil Cooper
50 Herbt Golding
52 Geo Blain
56 Wesley Hall
58 Wm Phillips
62 Wm Kilgour
+Waterloo av crosses
74 Ernest Newman
76 F W Foles
78 Henry Dakin
84 A Hill
88 Stephen Lanning
90 Chas Taylor
100 Wm Gray
104 Robt Dakin
108 John Davis
112 Edwin C Howes
118 Chas F Foster

Figure 10 - 1919 Veron's Directories – pg. 8 – Henry "Harry" Dakin lived there

Figure 11 - 1890 Ad – Galt Brass Foundry and Novelty Works - Henry "Harry" Dakin b. 27 Dec 1857 Birkenhead, , Cheshire, England d. 17 Dec 1945 Galt (Cambridge), Waterloo Region, Ontario, Canada: Waterloo Region Generations

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< Figure 11 - 1911 Canadian Census – Harry Dakin and Family

and F. A. Scott.

The Galt Brass Foundry and Novelty Works were established in 1882 and employ three or four hands in the

xii. WATERLOO COUNTY DIRECTORY.

manufacture of brass castings of all descriptions, engineers', and plumbers' brass work &c. H. & G. Dakin.

The Galt Knitting Factory has been established over 20

Curran Peter, horse dealer, h Main
DAKIN G, (*H & G Dakin*), h Church
DAKIN H, (*H & G Dakin*), h W Main
DAKIN H & G, propr Galt Brass Foundry and Novelty Works, manfrs engineers' and plumbers' brass work, W Main
Dale Arthur, laborer, h Chisholm

^ Figure 12 - 1884 Waterloo County Directory – pg. xi – xii, 183

Dakin, M May, bkpr W A Hunter, Ltd, 81 St Andrews
Dakin Robt (Jessie) (Dakin & Co) h 104 Barrie
DAKIN WM motor cycles and bicycles 48 Ainslie h 78 Barrie
Dale, Ernest (Louise), wks C Turnbull Co, 64 McNaughton

^ Figure 13 - 1922 Galt/Preston Directory – pg. 90

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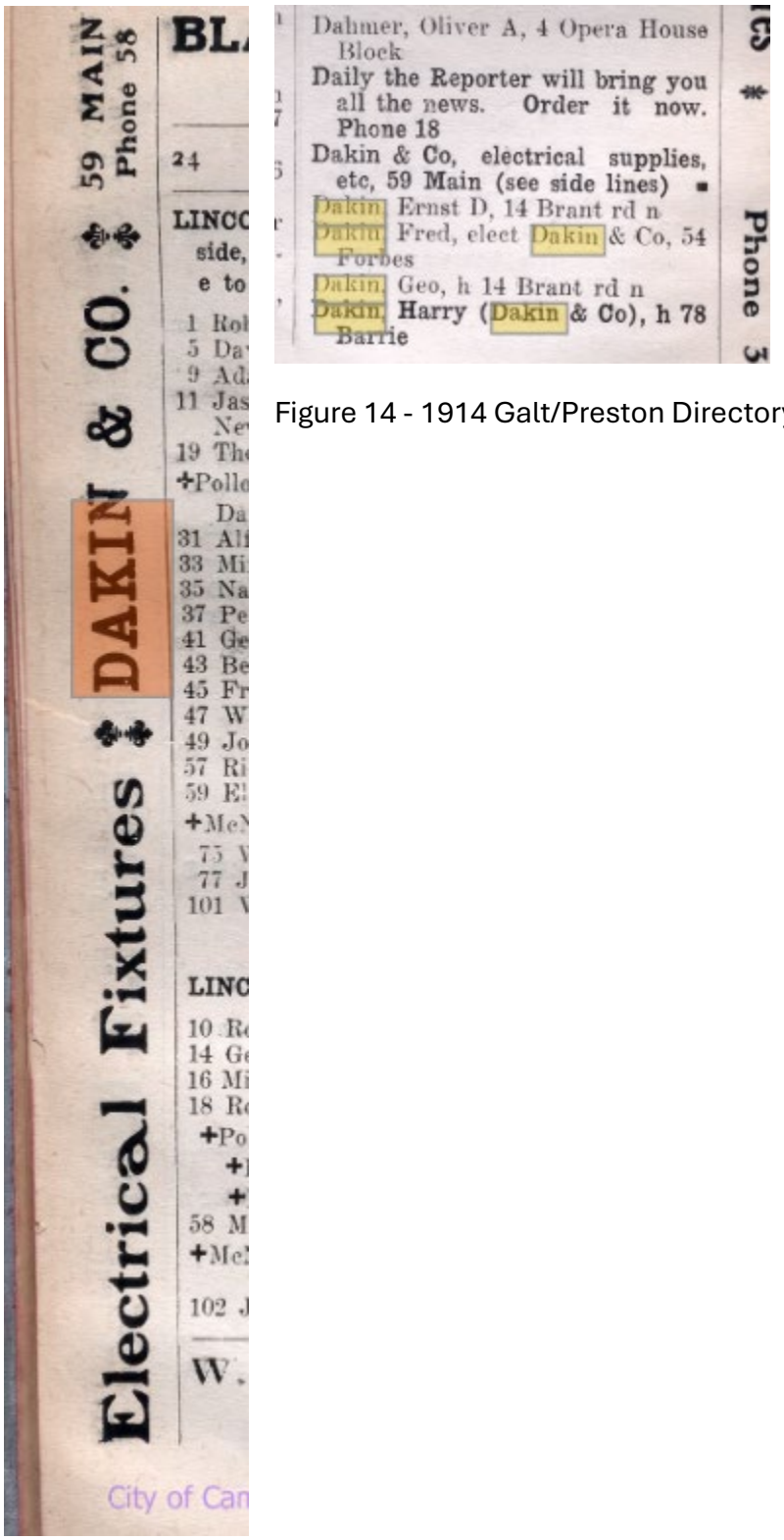

Figure 14 - 1914 Galt/Preston Directory – pg. 24, 68

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LANDMARKS

CAMBRIDGE

GALT- ARCHITECTURE -B
CAMB TIMES JUNE 20,00

Address: 78 Barrie St.
Owner: Greg and Sandi Hill
Significance:

When lumber merchant Robert Gilholm built this home circa 1898, it was the most expensive home on the block. It was sold to Isabella Dakin, the wife of plumber Henry Dakin, for $2,000.

Architecturally, the home has been built in the Edwardian vernacular and has several interesting details. Most notable is the winged beast in the centre of the portico gable, which seems to be flying out of a four-leafed clover, The first floor windows have rounded tops and this is repeated in the very large palladian window in the attic. The two smaller attic windows are visually linked to those on the second story by curved projections which helps give the roof a mansard-like appearance.

Landmarks is a regular feature of the Cambridge Times. Information is supplied through the Cambridge Archives and LACAC, the local architectural conservation advisory committee.

< Figure 15 - Landmarks article 78 Barrie Street

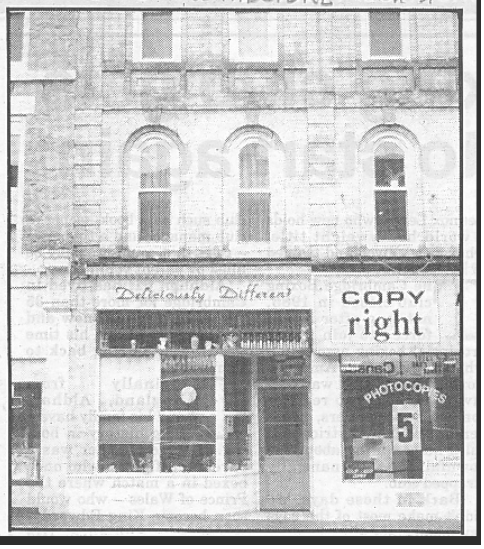
CAMBRIDGE LANDMARKS

40 Main St.

CAMB. TIMES SEPT. 26/93 Camb- ARCHITECTURE -Main St

Address: 49 Main St.
Owners: Manual Goncalves
Significance: Built as part of the Young Commercial Block in 1878, the store has a long and interesting history and has, in recent years, been lovingly restored. Architecturally, the yellow bricked Young Block continued the height and composition of the adjoining building.

According to city directories, the storefront was home to Mary Burke's Millinery in 1914. Two years later it became the B.M. Scott Millinery and from 1916 to 1922 was operated by Dakin & Co. Electricians. It operated from 1922 to 1924 as the Oak Hall clothing store and from 1924 to 1949 served the Home Dairy. From 1949 to 1989 the storefront was home to two bakeries and in 1990, after substantial renovations, the store was re-opened as Deliciously Different.



^ Figure 16 - Landmarks Article 40 Main Street

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Figure 1 – Photo of front elevation (credit: WSP)

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Figure 2 - Photo of front elevation (credit: Apple Maps)

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Figure 3 – Photo of front elevation (December 3, 2025)

Figure 4 – Close-up of front elevation (December 3, 2025)

ATTACHMENT F

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 78 BARRIE STREET, CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge intends to designate the property municipally known as 78 Barrie Street under Section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

Description of Property
The property at 78 Barrie Street is located on the west side of Barrie Street, between Churchill Drive and Cedar Street (formerly known as Waterloo Street) in the historic West Galt area. It contains a two-and-a-half-storey Edwardian style residence, constructed out of stone and red-brick in 1898.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
The property is of cultural heritage value for its design, historical, and contextual significance. Built in 1898, the building is a strong representative example of an Edwardian residence. Its simple rectangular floor plan, stone and red-brick exterior, open front verandah, and low gable roof with a central gable are characteristic of an Edwardian residence.

Historically, the property is directly associated with former Mayor of Galt, Robert Gilholm, who had the house built in 1898. Gilholm was a well-respected farmer, lumber merchant, sawmiller, businessman, and politician who lived and worked in Galt throughout his life. In 1859, Gilholm partnered with George Hogg to purchase a steam-powered sawmill on Harris Street in Galt, which he would operate until 1900, when he sold it to P.W. Gardiner. Throughout the late 19th century, Gilholm would become heavily involved in local politics, serving on numerous committees and in several positions on Galt's Town Council. He would be elected as Mayor in 1893 and 1894.

Alongside this, the property has direct associations with another prominent businessman, Henry "Harry" Dakin, a local plumber, electrician, and businessman, who owned and operated several businesses throughout Galt. Notably, the Galt Brass Foundry and Novelty Works and Dakin & Co. Electricians.

Contextually, the property defines and maintains the historic residential area of West Galt, through its architectural value and building materials.

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Description of Heritage Attributes
The following attributes contribute to the property's cultural heritage value:

Building Attributes

- The two-and-a-half storey red brick single-detached dwelling built in the Edwardian style
    - Mass, form, and style of the building;
    - Red brick exterior;
    - Rounded arch windows;
    - Hexagonal shaped window in gable peak;
    - Mansard style rooflines about second storey windows;
    - Wooden shutters;
    - Brackets;
    - Brick voussoirs;
    - Covered verandah;
    - Balustrades;
    - Pediment with wood carving details;
    - Columns with capitals; and
    - Brick chimney

Objection
Any person may, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice, serve on the City Clerk of the City of Cambridge a Notice of Objection to the proposed designation. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.
Notice of Objection should be addressed to: City Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Cambridge 50 Dickson Street, P.O. Box 669, Cambridge, Ontario N1R 5W8 Email: clerks@cambridge.ca

Further information regarding the proposed designation may be obtained from the Policy Planning Division (Heritage Planning) at heritageinfo@cambridge.ca.