

To: Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: 12/18/2025
Report Title: 59 Bruce Street - Recommendation to Designate
Report Author: Edwin Chiu, Heritage Planner
Department: Planning and Growth
Division: Policy Planning
Report No.: 25-051 (MHAC)
File No.: R01.01.188
Ward: Ward 4

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report 25-051 (MHAC) Recommendation to Designate be received;

THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 59 Bruce Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose

This report recommends that the property at 59 Bruce Street, Cambridge be designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

Key Findings

- The property at 59 Bruce Street contains a two-storey Italianate style granite residence estimated to be built circa 1851. The property has a short setback, paved landscape and located within in an area with a concentration of pre-1950 buildings.
- The property is currently listed on the Heritage Register.
- The property is historically associated with the early development of Galt in the mid 19th century, the prominent carpenter Adam Hood, as well as associated with the Knox Presbyterian Church as it was owned between 1920 and 1958 and might have been used as a church manse, a clergy house that residence provided by a Presbyterian Church for a minister to live.

- Staff have determined the property meets five (5) out of nine (9) criteria (1, 4, 6, 7, 8) under Ontario Regulation 9/06 (as amended by O. Reg 569/22) to warrant designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* .

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Strategic Action; or

Core Service

Objective(s): Not Applicable

Strategic Action: Not Applicable

Program: Community Development

Core Service: Heritage Conservation

BACKGROUND:

The City of Cambridge is undergoing a comprehensive Heritage Register review exercise as a response to Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022 and Bill 200, the *Homeowner Protection Act*, 2024. 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, or removal from the Register.

The property known municipally as 59 Bruce Street was evaluated by WSP, as a “Significant Built Heritage Resource” and recommended for designation (see **Attachment B**)

The property at 59 Bruce Street is located on the south side of Bruce Street, and in the southeast corner of Bruce St and Chisholm St. The property is approximately 0.19 acres. The subject property is zoned **R4 – Low Density Residential**. The Official Plan designates the land use as **Low/ Medium Density Residential**.

The property is not currently subject to any active applications.

There appears to be a roughcast addition on the south end of the main building that was likely built right after construction according to historic maps. There is also a detached garage addition on the southeast side. (see **Attachment A** – Location Map)

The property is currently listed on the City’s Heritage Register as a non-designated property of cultural heritage value or interest. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation’s (MPAC) estimated the property as “ca. 1840” but reference maps

including the Heritage Register, indicate the property was built at minimum, post-1851 and 1856. The property is in excellent condition.

The building on the subject property was used continuously as a Residential Legal Non-Conforming Triplex from December 5, 1967 to December 23, 2011 according to a verified statement, of Christine Merlrose, daughter of Lily Gloria Scott and James Harold Scott. Heritage Staff believes that prior the October 23, 1986, it was considered a legal non-conforming as the overall form and massing was preserved.

ANALYSIS

Historical Context

The subject property was initially owned in 1816 by William Dickinson in around the time, began developing a block of land he had acquired along the Grand River, which latter become the Town of Galt, who encouraged Scottish immigration. According to the 1851 Town of Galt Survey Map by Marcus Smith, the subject property and the surrounds was owned by Absalom Shade but was largely undeveloped. This continues further in the 1867 Town of Galt Survey map by James Pollock, where much of the surrounds was still largely undeveloped.

The property was sought to be built in 1856 according to Dilse p. 108 (Landmarks Article). According to the 1867 Survey of the Town of Galt by James Pollock, the subject property is owned by Adam Hood (1816-1902), in which is highly likely the original owner since its construction. He was also a member of the circulating library, dramatic society and was considered one of the best rifle shots of the day.

Adam Hood was born in Dalkeith, Scotland Nov 22, 1816, and sailed for America on August 10, 1834, arriving to Galt shortly after the cholera outbreak. He first was employed as a notable carpenter with Stuart & Walker and was involved with the building of St. Andrews church in Galt, completed in 1835. Hood Street was also named after him, he was the father of Town Treasurer James Hood and is considered one of the earliest builders of the Town of Galt. He is also one of the four oldest Galtonian residents surpassing 42-45 years as of 1852 who were Messrs (a formal title for addressing multiple men; plural of "Mister") Adam Hood, Peter Dinahy, James Scott, and Alexander Sinclair.

The property was owned between 1920 and 1958 by Knox's Presbyterian Church and might have used as the church manse, which is a clergy house provided by a Presbyterian Church for a minister to live.

The detached garage was likely built in the late 19th / early 20th century according to the 1929 Galt Fire Insurance Map.

The property at 59 Bruce was vacant from December 1, 2008 to June 25, 2010, with no change of the use of the units. The property was featured in the Local Landmarks series in which was printed in the local newspaper.

According to the bird's eye view of 1875 up to the 2024 aerial photos of Cambridge, the overall massing and form, apart from detached garage, has been largely preserved since its construction. It also appears that 71 Bruce Street, a Part IV Designated property, has a similar architectural style, ornamental detailing, and massing, but is built likely after 1875 according to the 1875 Bird's Eye View of Galt, Ontario

Photographs of the subject property were taken by Heritage Staff and from Google Street View, that can be found in **Attachment D**. Historical and archival documentation of the subject property can be found in **Attachment C**.

Architectural Description

The property at 59 Bruce Street is a representative example of the Italianate architecture style. The Italianate style, inspired by Tuscan architecture during the Italianate Renaissance, gained its popularity in Ontario from 1850 to 1900 and was seen as an alternative to the Classical Revival and Gothic Revival styles according to the *Ontario Architectural Style Guide 2009*. The style tended to be highly decorative or with controlled ornateness with elements such as overhanging eaves with decorative brackets, tall and narrow arched windows, bay windows, quoins, and low-pitched roofs.

The subject property features attributes representative of the style such as L-shaped plan, shallow setback, low pitched hip roof, front facing gable peaks, brackets, stone voussoirs, stone lintels, sashed windows, sills, stone quoining, bay window, covered porch, sidelights, transom, capitals and columns and stone foundation.

In regards to alterations / additions, much of the property's form is well-preserved since its construction in the mid-nineteenth century with the exception of the detached garage, shed, and minor repairs. It also appears that window shutters existed on the property and are presently removed.

Contextual Analysis:

The subject property maintains and supports the historic character of the immediate and broader physical context of the street and the neighbourhood through supporting the late nineteenth/ early twentieth century character of the historic Town of Galt. The subject property is located in the East Galt neighborhood which contains a large concentration of pre-1950 residential properties which a mutual development history. The property also shares similar massing and a shallow setback by other buildings on Bruce Street which helps to preserve the area's sense of place.

Evaluation Under Ontario Regulation 9/06

According to a suite of changes introduced to the *Ontario Heritage Act* through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, properties must meet at least two (2) of nine (9) criteria under Ontario Regulation 569/22 to be considered for designation.

Heritage Planning staff are of the opinion that the property warrant's designation based on a determination that the property satisfies five (5) of the nine (9) criteria contained in the *Ontario Regulation 9/06* (as amended by 569/22).

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: The subject property features attributes representative of the Italianate architectural style such as its two-storey massing, L-shaped plan, low-pitched hip roof, front facing gable peaks, stone foundation, stone quoins, decorative brackets, stone lintels; stone voussoirs, stone sills, sash windows, bay window with decorative trim, one-storey covered porch with decorative capitals and columns, sidelights, and transom.

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

NO: The property does not display a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit that demonstrates a high degree of skill in a particular craft in relationship to the construction of the building or through artistic design. Existent features demonstrate architectural style and taste, but not necessarily the skill of the craftspeople who executed on that design.

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

NO: According to research, the property does not demonstrate advanced technical or scientific innovation.

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: The house is associated with the prominent figure Adam Hood, an early Scottish immigrant and carpenter that worked for Stuart & Walker, who contributed to the early development of historic Town of Galt. The property is also historically significant for its association with the early development history of the Town of Galt as well as associated with the Knox Presbyterian Church due to the subject property's ownership between 1920 and 1959 as a possible residence for a church manse.

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: There is no significant potential for the subject property to yield or could yield additional new historical or cultural information nor provide information that can specifically contribute to an understanding of that 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.

YES: The subject property demonstrates the work of well-known carpenter and builder, Adam Hood, who is significant to the historic Town of Galt, who contributed to the building of St. Andrews Church and the early development history of the Town of Galt.

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

YES: The subject property has context value as it maintains and supports the historic character of the immediate and broader physical context of Bruce Street, Chisholm St and the mid-nineteenth century character of the historic Town of Galt and the East Galt neighbourhood. The subject property is a longstanding residential building that retained its original massing and shares similar massing and setback by other buildings in its proximity which helps to preserve the area's sense of place.

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

YES: The subject property at 59 Bruce Street is historically linked to the surrounding streetscape as it is part of a cohesive group of residential properties with a shared development history in which the subject property directly contributes to the early development of the Town of Galt.

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

NO: 59 Bruce Street is not a visual and local landmark as the size, massing of the house, and its lotting pattern is typical for a corner lot within the neighbourhood of East Galt. The subject property does not appear to serve as a place of community or tourist congregation, nor does it appear to serve an orienting function.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Design / Physical Value

The following key heritage attributes that contribute to the cultural heritage value at 59 Bruce Street as a representative example of as an Italianate style residence include its:

- Two storey massing;
- L-shaped Plan;
- Granite Exterior;
- Low-pitched hip roof;
- Front Facing gable peaks;
- Stone foundation;
- Stone Quoins and voussoirs;
- Decorative Brackets;
- Decorative capitals and columns;
- Stone lintels and sills;
- Sash windows;
- Bay Window with decorative trim;
- One-storey covered Porch with decorative capitals and columns;
- Sidelights and Transom;

Historical/ Associative Value:

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 59 Bruce Street as it has direct historical associative values.

- Historically associated as a longstanding residential building that contributes to the early development history of the Town of Galt;
- Historical association with Adam Hood, a prominent carpenter who contributed to the early development history of the Town of Galt;
- Historical association due to ownership Knox Presbyterian Church between 1920 to 1958 and was likely used as a church manse.

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 59 Bruce Street as it 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.

- Demonstrates the work of well-known carpenter and builder, Adam Hood, who is significant to the historic Town of Galt such as contributing to building of St. Andrews Church and his contributions to development of the Town of Galt.

Contextual Value:

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 59 Bruce Street as it is important in maintaining and supporting the mid to late 19th century character of the area:

- Overall massing, architectural details, shallow setback, and location within the within the historic Town of Galt;
- Sharing similar massing and setback by other buildings in its proximity on Bruce Street and Chisholm St helping to preserve the area's sense of place.

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 59 Bruce Street as it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.

- Historically linked to the surrounding streetscape as it is part of a cohesive group of residential properties with a shared development history in which the subject property directly contributes to the early development of the Town of Galt.

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

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;
 - b. pass by-laws providing for the acquisition by purchase, lease or otherwise of any property designated in accordance with Policy 4.6.1 a) or for the expropriation of any such property;
 - c. dispose by sale, lease or otherwise of any designated property acquired in accordance with Policy 4.6.1 b) upon such terms and conditions as Council may consider necessary; or
 - d. enter into any easement agreement or covenant with the owner of a designated property, register such easement or covenant against the real property affected in the land registry office, enforce such registered easement or covenant against the owner or any subsequent owner of such real property and assign such easement or covenant to any person, who, in the opinion of Council, will preserve and maintain the property to protect the cultural heritage resource described in the Register referred to in Section 4.3.
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 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. The City does provide the property owner with a date-stamped, cast 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.

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:

A comprehensive site visit from the public right of way was conducted on December 4, 2025 to assess the property's current condition.

The property owner was notified via registered mail regarding the ongoing heritage designation process.

CONCLUSION:

Based on findings that the subject property meets more than (2) two criteria under Ontario Regulation 9/06 (as amended by 569/22), Heritage Planning 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 endorse 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 59 Bruce 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
Melissa Aldunate, Manager of Policy Planning.**

ATTACHMENT:

1. **25-043 (MHAC) Attachment A** – Location Map
2. **25-043 (MHAC) Attachment B** – WSP Evaluation Form 59 Bruce Street
3. **25-043 (MHAC) Attachment C** – Historical Documentation 59 Bruce Street
4. **25-043 (MHAC) Attachment D** – Photos and Google Streetview 59 Bruce Street
5. **25-043 (MHAC) Attachment E** – Draft Notice of Intention to Designate 59 Bruce Street



59 BRUCE ST

**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
LISTED (NON-DESIGNATED) PROPERTY REVIEW FORM**

Address: 59 Bruce Street, Cambridge, Ontario

Common Name: N/A

Ward: Galt

Legal Description: N/A



Plate 1: Front Façade (North Elevation) of 59 Bruce Street



Plate 2: Location of 59 Bruce 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): 1856

Architect / Builder / Craftsperson (if known): N/A

Massing: Single-detached Semi-detached Row Other:

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:

Roof Type: Hip Flat Gambrel Mansard Gable Other: _____ **Type:** Low-pitch, two front facing gables

Roof Materials: Asphalt Shingle Wood Shingle Slate Tile/Terra Cotta Tar/Gravel Metal Other: _____

Architectural Style / Influence:

<input type="checkbox"/> Art Deco / Moderne (1910-1950)	<input type="checkbox"/> Classical Revival (1820-1860)	<input type="checkbox"/> International (1920-1950)	<input type="checkbox"/> Neo-Gothic (1900-1945)	<input type="checkbox"/> Regency (1820-1860)
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts (1890-1940)	<input type="checkbox"/> Colonial Revival (1900-2003)	<input type="checkbox"/> Italian Villa (1830-1900)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Cottage (1840-1900)	<input type="checkbox"/> Richardson Romanesque (1840-1900)
<input type="checkbox"/> Beaux-Arts (1885-1945)	<input type="checkbox"/> Edwardian (1890-1916)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Italianate (1850-1900)	<input type="checkbox"/> Period Revivals (1900-2014)	<input type="checkbox"/> Second Empire (1860-1900)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow (1900-1945)	<input type="checkbox"/> Georgian / Mennonite Georgian (1750-1850)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-Century Modern (1945-1965)	<input type="checkbox"/> Post-Modern (1960-2009)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vernacular
<input type="checkbox"/> Chateau (1880-1930)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gothic Revival (1830-1900)	<input type="checkbox"/> Neo-Classical (1810-1850)	<input type="checkbox"/> Queen Anne (1870-1910)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wartime Housing (1940-1960)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:				

Notes: N/A

Notable Building Features:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Porch | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sill(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tower/Spire | <input type="checkbox"/> Bargeboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Eaves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verandah | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lintel(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dome | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transom | <input type="checkbox"/> Balustrade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balcony | <input type="checkbox"/> Shutters | <input type="checkbox"/> Finial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side Light | <input type="checkbox"/> Dormer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Door(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quoins | <input type="checkbox"/> Pilaster | <input type="checkbox"/> Pediment | <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stairs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voussoir | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brackets | <input type="checkbox"/> Parapet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire wall | <input type="checkbox"/> Cornice | <input type="checkbox"/> Panel | <input type="checkbox"/> Date Stone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bay |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Window Details: Sashed | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Column | <input type="checkbox"/> Cresting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Covered porch |

Notes: N/A

Context:

- Streetscape (Residential / Commercial) Terrace / Row Complex / Grouping Landmark
- Multi-Address Parcel (list addresses): Other:
- Related Buildings:

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

Wings: Rear **Setback:** Shallow Deep At ROW **Other:** _____ Corner Lot

Accessory Features and Structures:

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| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Features (i.e., stone wall, fountain, trees/garden beds):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden beds along the perimeter of the residence • Cement pathway leading to the front entrance • Driveway on the east side | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structures (i.e., shed, ice house, drive shed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached garage on the southeast side |
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- Trees lining the rear of the property

ADDITIONAL NOTES, DOCUMENTATION AND RESEARCH:

- Previously owned by Knox Presbyterian Church from 1920-1959 where it may have been used as the Manse ([Heritage Properties Register- August 2020](#))
- Dilse pg. 108

Further Historical Value/ Associative Value Research/Evaluation:

Recommended Not Recommended

- Complete additional research to learn about the association to Knox Presbyterian Church

Related Planning, Building or Heritage Files:

- N/A

OBSERVATION FORM COMPLETION:

Surveyed By:	Meghan McKay, Junior Cultural Heritage Specialist	Date:	03/18/2025
Reviewed By:	Kanika Kaushal, Senior Cultural Heritage Specialist	Date:	05/15/2025

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. The property's style, type, expression, material or construction method is: <input type="checkbox"/> rare <input type="checkbox"/> unique <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> representative <input type="checkbox"/> early	The property located at 59 Bruce Street contains a two-storey Italianate style granite stone residence built in 1856. Notable architectural features include the L-shape plan, shallow setback, low pitched hip roof, front facing gable peaks, brackets, stone voussoirs, stone lintels, sashed windows, sills, stone quoining, bay window, covered porch, sidelights, transom, capitals and columns and stone foundation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. The property displays a high degree of: <input type="checkbox"/> craftsmanship <input type="checkbox"/> artistic merit	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. The property demonstrates a high degree of: <input type="checkbox"/> technical <input type="checkbox"/> scientific achievement.	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. The property has direct associations with a potentially significant: <input type="checkbox"/> theme <input type="checkbox"/> event <input type="checkbox"/> belief <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> person <input type="checkbox"/> activity <input type="checkbox"/> organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> institution	The property has direct associations with Knox Presbyterian Church located in Galt and was possibly used as the Manse. The dwelling is likely constructed by the Dalgleish brothers as they were one of a few masons to have contributed to the construction of Knox Church.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. The property yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. The property demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of a potentially significant: <input type="checkbox"/> architect <input type="checkbox"/> artist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> builder <input type="checkbox"/> designer <input type="checkbox"/> theorist	The property demonstrates the work of the Dalgleish brothers. They were significant builders in the early development of Galt.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. The property is important in: <input type="checkbox"/> defining <input type="checkbox"/> maintaining <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> supporting the character of an area.	The property is important in supporting the historical character of the area through its construction materials and Italianate architectural style.
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. The property is linked to its surroundings: <input type="checkbox"/> physically <input type="checkbox"/> functionally <input type="checkbox"/> visually <input type="checkbox"/> historically	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	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:	<p>The property located at 59 Bruce Street contains a two-storey Italianate style granite stone residence built in 1856. The property also includes garden beds along the perimeter of the residence, a cement pathway leading to the front entrance, a driveway on the east side, trees lining the rear of the property and a detached garage on the southeast side.</p>
Statement of Cultural Heritage Value:	<p>The property located at 59 Bruce Street contains a two-storey stone Italianate style residence built in 1856. Notable architectural features include the L-shape plan, shallow setback, low pitched hip roof, front facing gable peaks, brackets, stone voussoirs, stone lintels, sashed windows, sills, stone quoining, bay window, covered porch, sidelights, transom, capitals and columns and stone foundation.</p> <p>The property has direct associations with Knox Presbyterian Church located in Galt and was possibly used as the Manse.</p> <p>The property demonstrates the work of the Dalgleish brothers. They were significant builders in the early development of Galt. The property is important in supporting the historical character of the area through its construction materials and Italianate architectural style.</p>
Heritage Attributes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-storey stone Italianate residence (built in 1856) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two-storey massing ○ L-shape plan ○ shallow setback ○ low pitched hip roof ○ front facing gable peaks ○ brackets ○ stone voussoirs ○ stone lintels ○ sashed windows ○ sills ○ stone quoining ○ bay window ○ covered porch ○ sidelights ○ transom ○ capitals and columns ○ stone foundation

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 Area
- 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:

- This property is not designated under Part V. Only City owned lands are designated in the Dickson Hill HCD. Private residences are not designated under Part V.

EVALUATION FORM COMPLETION:

Surveyed By:	Meghan McKay, Junior Cultural Heritage Specialist	Date:	05/05/2025
Reviewed By:	Kanika Kaushal, Senior Cultural Heritage Specialist	Date:	05/15/2025
City Staff Reviewer:	Laura Waldie Senior Planner-Heritage	Date:	30May2025
Council Decision:		Date:	
City Database Update:		Date:	

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTATION:

- N/A

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Historical Documentation of 59 Bruce Street

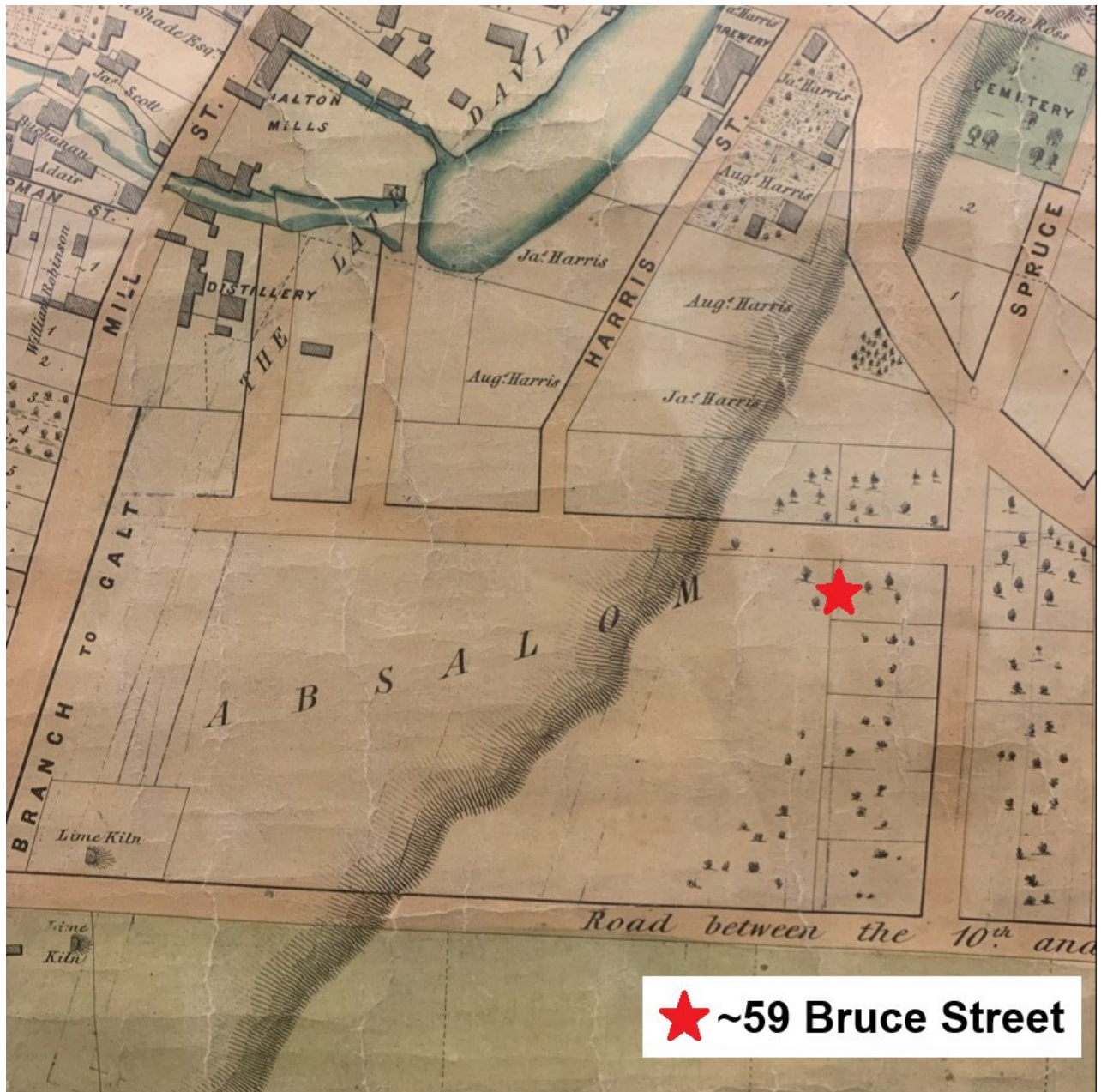


Figure 1 - Town of Galt Canada West Topographical Map Surveyed by Marcus Smith 1851 Accessed August 26, 2025

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Figure 2 - Town of Galt by James Pollock 1867 Land Survey Map. Accessed September 24, 2025

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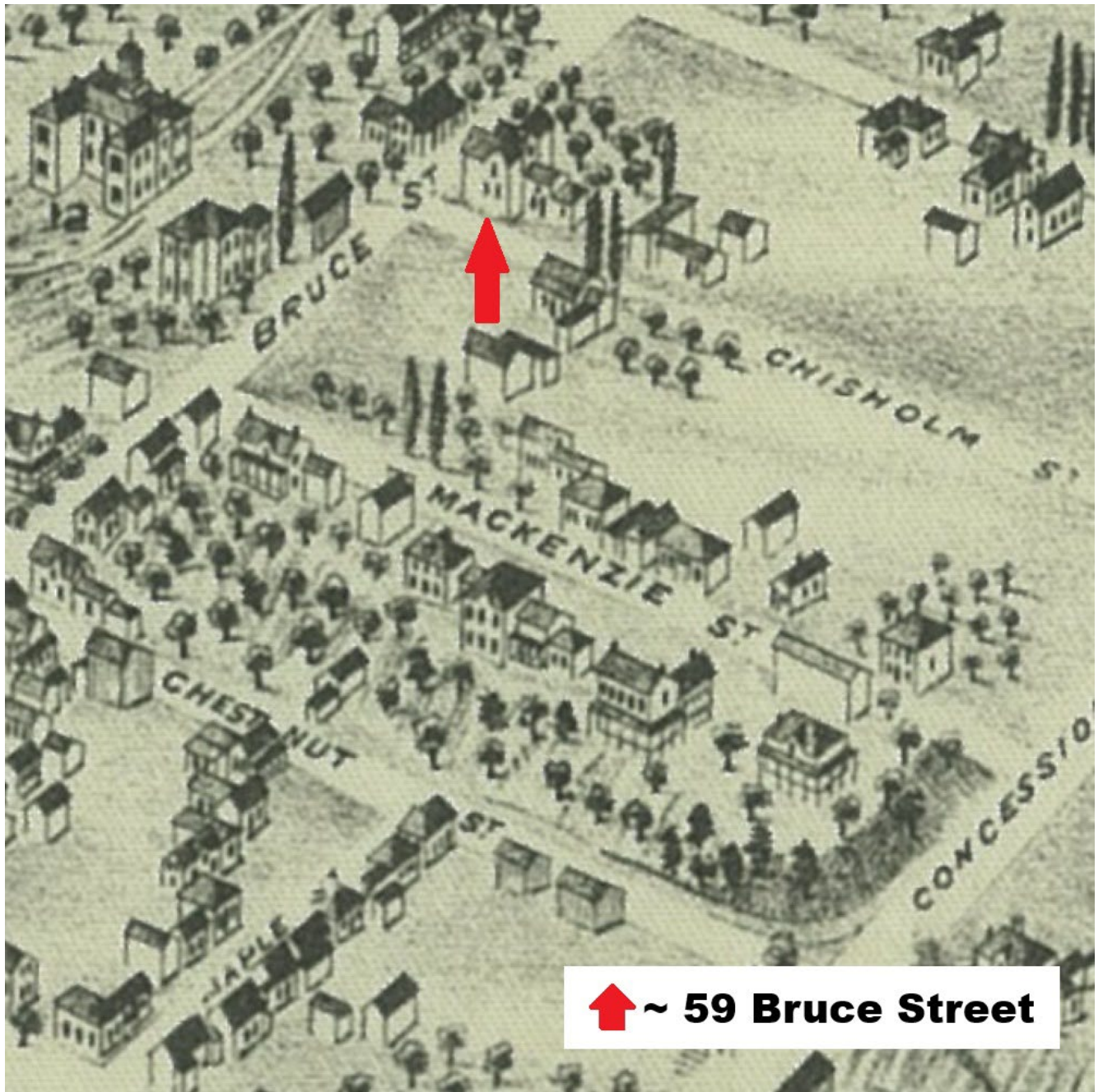


Figure 4 – 1875 Bird Eye view of the Galt, Ontario, Accessed November 24, 2025

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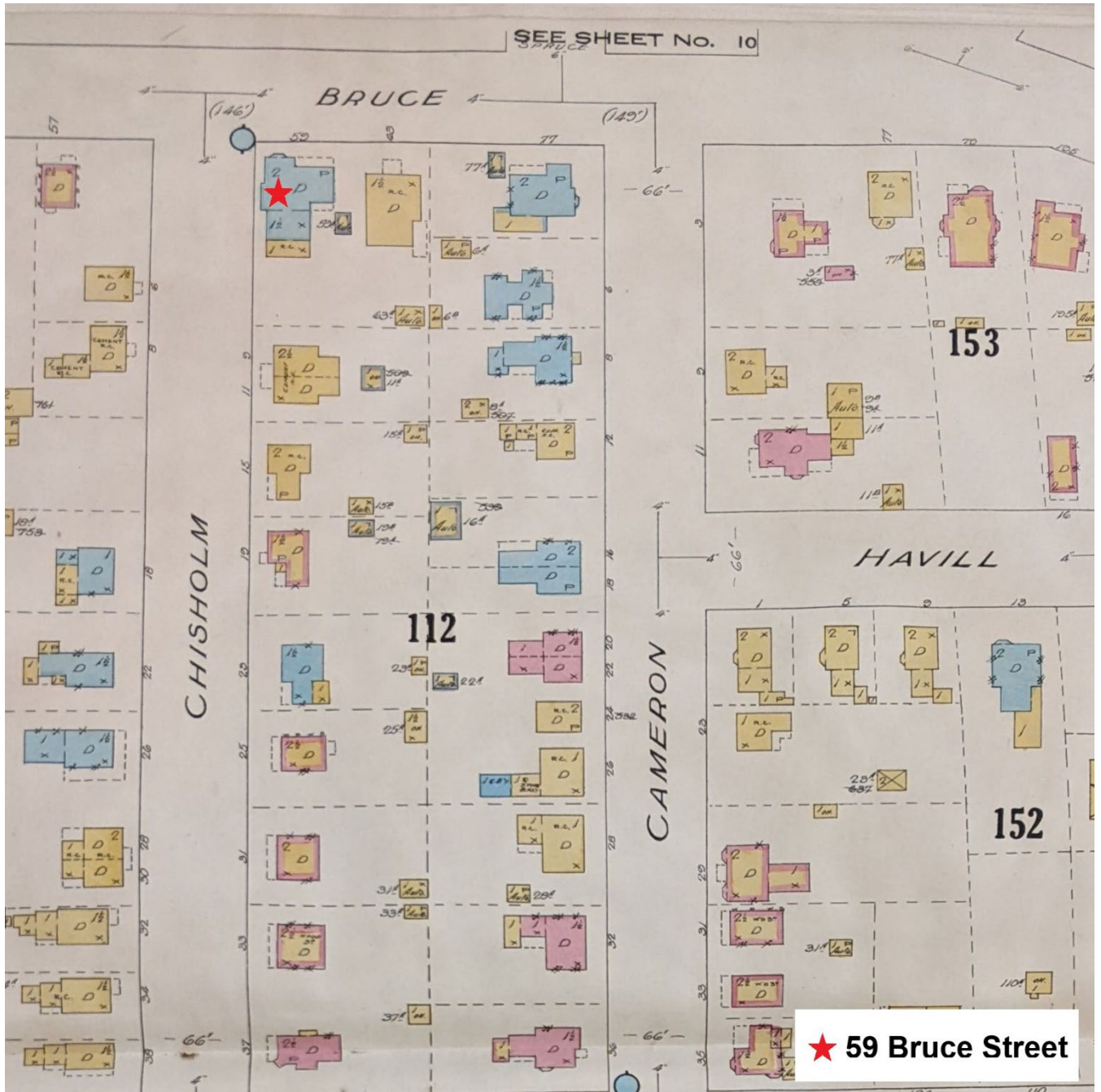


Figure 5 - 1929 Fire Insurance Plan of Galt showcasing 25 Oak Street

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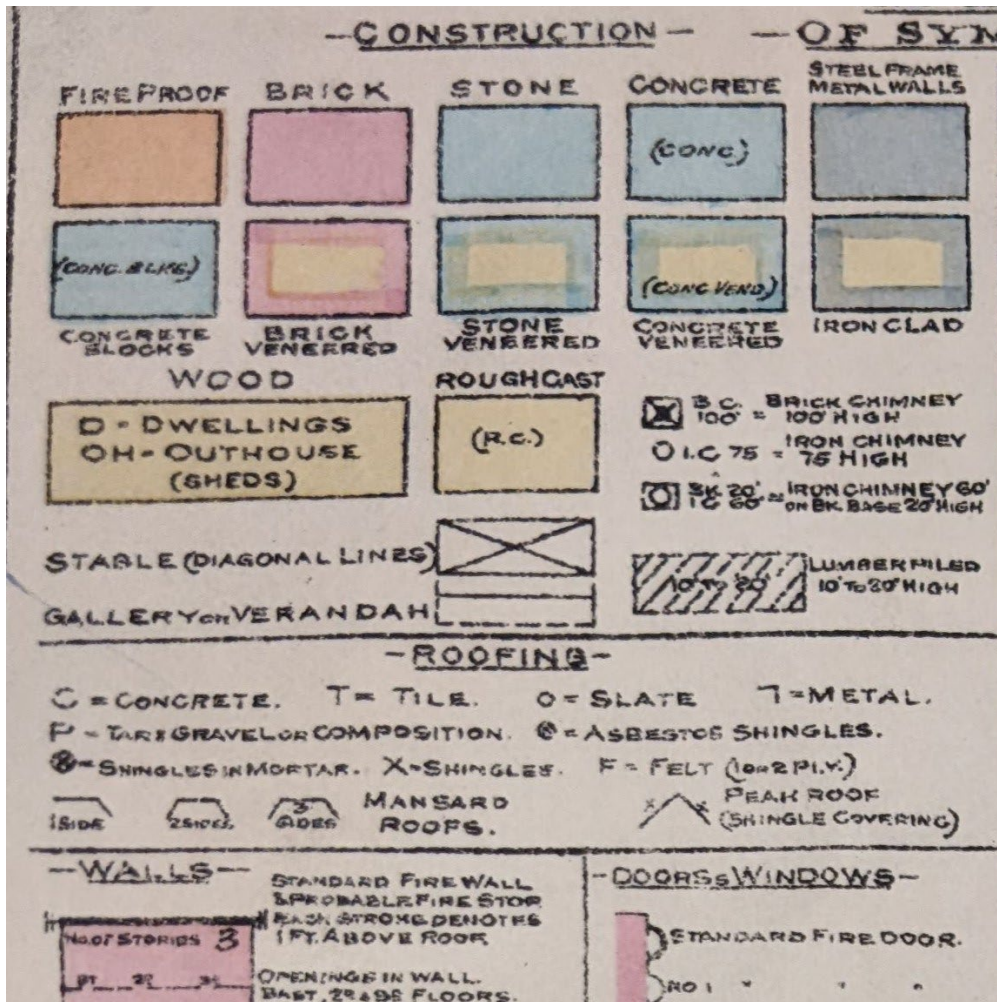


Figure 6 - Legend of 1929 Fire Insurance Plan of Galt

Hohl, Jacob, carpenter, Race
 Holland, John, house and sign painter, leaden sash, glazier, W Main
 Hood, Adam, jr., machinist, S. W.
 Hood, Adam, carpenter, S. W.
 Hood, Andrew, watch maker, S. W.
 Hood & Flanagan, proprietors skating rink, High

Figure 7, Adam Hood, 1867 Gazetteer and Directory of the County of Waterloo

LANDMARKS

CAMBRIDGE



Address: 59 Bruce St.

Owner: name withheld

Significance:

This impressive Italianate home is thought to have been built in 1856. The residence was constructed of grey granite and accented with limestone quoins and cap stones over the windows. The second floor of the home has a prominent window which has Palladian influences.

The home's front door is brightened by a transom and sidelights and protected by a large porch featuring decorative columns. Typical of the Italianate style, this home has a low-pitched roof with wide overhanging eaves featuring decorative brackets beneath.

The property was owned between 1920 and 1958 by Knox's Presbyterian Church and might have been used as the church manse. It is now privately owned and subdivided into several apartments.

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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 8 – 59 Bruce Street Landmarks Article (Dilse 108)

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Figure 9 – 59 Bruce Street 2003 Aerial photo City of Cambridge ESRI Canada

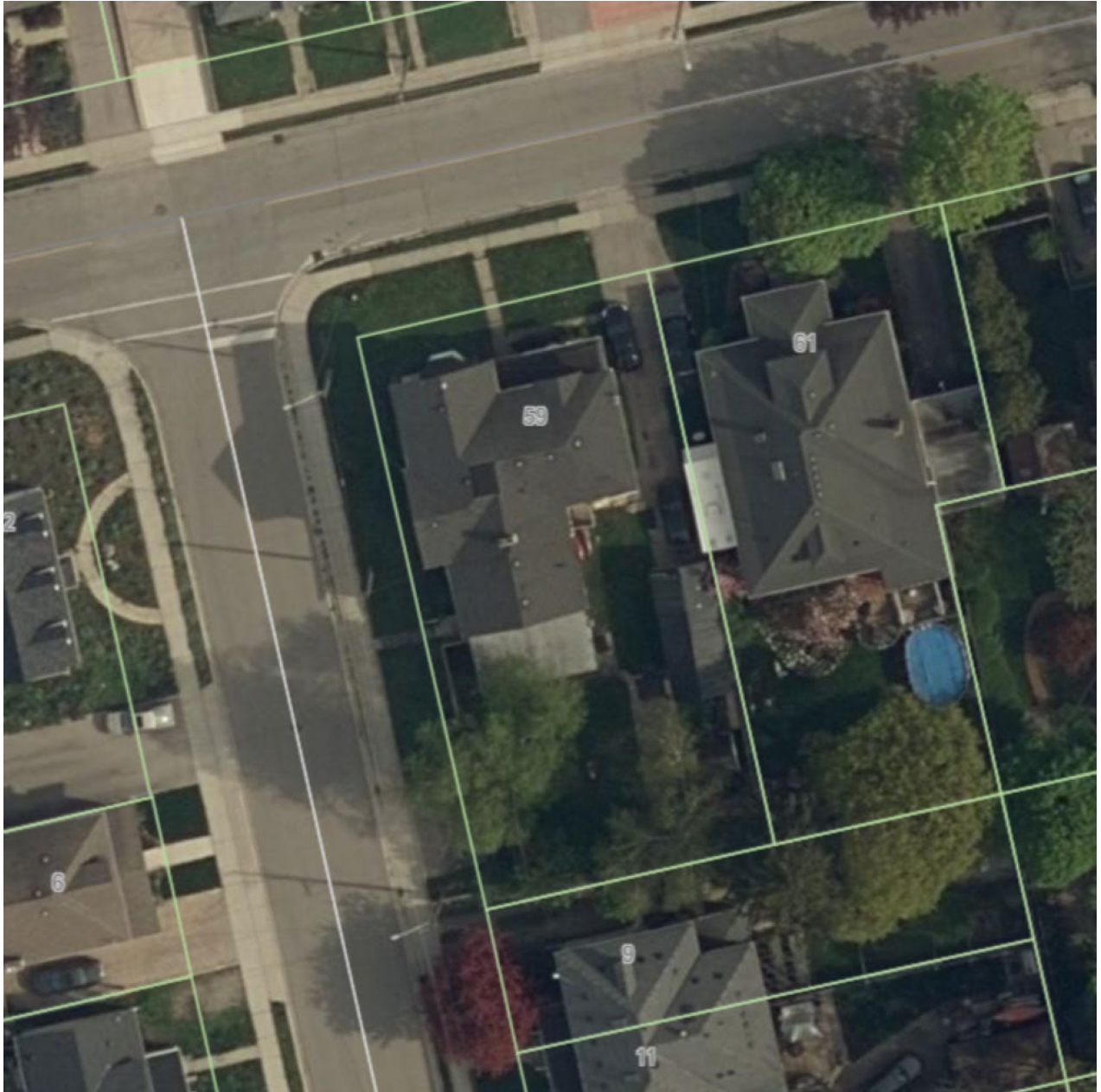


Figure 10 – 59 Bruce Street 2024 Aerial photo City of Cambridge ESRI Canada

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SHEET NO. 2
LOT NO. 44
PLAN NO. 442

William Mackenzie Survey 1856.

SHEET NO. 44
LOT NO. 44
PLAN NO.

NUMBER	INSTRUMENT	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	DATE OF REGISTRATION	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	AREA	CONSIDERATION	BOOK	REMARKS
33973	Grant Exr William D. McKeig	30 Apr 1934	9 Apr 1934	Waterloo Trust & Savings Coy	Susannah McKeig		1.00	D50	Lot.
40644	Mortgage	1 Sept 1945	7 Oct 1945	J. Alfred Howarth et ux	Adam Y. Little		2500.00	D54	Lot. Not rec'd in full. MAR 15 1962
40653	Grant	20 Aug 1945	12 Sept 1945	Susannah McKeig	J. Alfred Howarth		4600.00	D54	Lot.
17690	Trans. Co.	7 Oct 1949	13 Oct 1949	Deas. of Prov. of Ontario	re Adam Y. Little			D24	Lot. & a Lateral.
46465	Mortgage	27 Sept 1949	15 Oct 1949	J. Alfred Howarth et ux	The Waterloo Trust & Savings Coy		2000.00	D56	Lot. Not rec'd in full. APR 12 1967
46469	Deed	6 Oct 1949	15 Oct 1949	The Waterloo Trust & Savings Coy	J. Alfred Howarth			D56	Lot. Not rec'd in full. MAR 15 1962 neg. 8-25-17690

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Figure 15 - Ontario, Abstract/Parcel Register Book Plan 442 Lot 44 Page 2 Accessed November 25 2025

SHEET NO. 3
LOT NO. 44, WM. MACKENZIE SY., 1856.
PLAN NO. 442

SHEET NO.
LOT NO.
PLAN NO.

NUMBER	INSTRUMENT	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	DATE OF REGISTRATION	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	AREA	CONSIDERATION	BOOK	REMARKS
131911	Deed	11 Oct 1955	17 Oct 1955	The Waterloo Trust & Savings Coy	J. Alfred Howarth			D56	APR 12 1967
207662	Mortgage	19 Aug 1960	1 Aug 1960	J. Alfred Howarth, et ux	The Waterloo Trust & Savings Coy		5500.00	D56	Discharged by No. 132728
208612	Deed	17 May 1960	8 Sept 1960	J. Alfred Howarth, et ux	Fred J. & Cornelia Welfing		11,500.00	D56	Lot. with appurtenances.
432729	Deed	4 Sept 1970	14 Oct 1970	The Waterloo Trust & Savings Coy	J. Alfred Howarth			D56	APR 12 1967
542154	Grant	2 June 1915	29 Aug 1915	J. Alfred Howarth, et ux	Edw. J. & Coralia Welfing J's Servants.		2.00	D56	Lot.
549263	Grant	6 Apr 1976	27 Apr 1976	James D. & Marjorie Kinnear	Harvey & Marion Stouenburg (J's Servants)		1.00	D56	as in 530366
133897	Transfer		97 05 30	WELFING, Fred J. WELFING, Cornelia	HAMILTON, Gerald HAMILTON, Haidi (ST)		19,000.00	D56	Lot.
133898	Change		97 05 30	HAMILTON, Gerald HAMILTON, Haidi	The Toronto-Dominion Bank		115876.25	D56	Lot.

Figure 16 - Ontario, Abstract/Parcel Register Book Plan 442 Lot 44 Page 3 Accessed November 25 2025

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Sources

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Photos and Google Street View of 59 Bruce Street



Figure 1 – 59 Bruce Street North - West Elevation from Bruce Street

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Figure 2 – 59 Bruce Street South- East Elevation from Chisholm Street

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Figure 3 - 59 Bruce Street East Elevation from Chisholm Street

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Figure 4 – 59 Bruce Street North East Elevation from Bruce Street

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Figure 5 – 59 Bruce Street South East September 2015 Google Street View



Figure 6 – 59 Bruce Street North Elevation September 2015 Google Street View

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Figure 7 - 59 Bruce Street North East September 2022 Google Street View



Figure 8 - 59 Bruce Street North West September 2022 Google Street View

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Figure 9 – 71 Bruce Street North Elevation



Figure 10 – 71 Bruce Street North -West Elevation

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Figure 11 – 71 Bruce Street West Elevation



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

59 Bruce Street

The following Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and List of Heritage Attributes was prepared for the property at 59 Bruce 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 59 Bruce Street is located on a small lot on the east side of Oak Street in the former historic Town of Galt and now within the City of Cambridge. The subject property is legally described as:

PT LT 43-44 PL 441 CAMBRIDGE AS IN 361750; CAMBRIDGE

Summary of Cultural Heritage Value

The subject property at 59 Bruce Street is a representative example of the Italianate architectural style. The Italianate style, inspired by Tuscan architecture during the Italianate Renaissance, gained its popularity in Ontario from 1850 to 1900 and was seen as an alternative to the Classical Revival and Gothic Revival styles according to *Ontario Architectural Style Guide 2009*. The style tended to be highly decorative or with controlled ornateness with elements such as overhanging eaves with decorative brackets, tall and narrow arched windows, bay windows, quoins, and low-pitched roofs.

The subject property features attributes representative of the style such as include its two-storey massing, L-shaped plan, low-pitched hip roof, front facing gable peaks, stone foundation, limestone quoins, decorative brackets, stone lintels; stone voussoirs, stone



sills, sash windows; bay window with decorative trim, one-storey covered porch with decorative capitals and columns, sidelights, and transom.

The subject property is historically associated as a longstanding residential building that contributes to the early development history of the Town of Galt. It is also historically associated with the prominent figure Adam Hood, an early Scottish immigrant and carpenter that contributed to the early development history of the Town of Galt. The subject property is also associated with Knox Presbyterian Church due to the subject property's ownership between 1920 to 1958 where it was likely used as church manse.

The subject property has contextual value as it maintains and supports the historic character of the immediate and broader physical context of Bruce Street, Chisholm St and the mid-nineteenth century character of the historic Town of Galt and the East Galt neighbourhood. The subject property is a longstanding residential building that retained its original massing and shares similar massing and setback by other buildings in its proximity which helps to preserve the area's sense of place.

The subject property at 59 Bruce Street is historically linked to the surrounding historic streetscape as it is part of a cohesive group of residential properties with a shared early development history that has contributed to the early development of the Town of Galt.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes essential to the cultural heritage value or interest of this property are:

Design / Physical Value

The following key heritage attributes that contribute to the cultural heritage value at 59 Bruce Street as a representative example of as an Italianate architecture style residence include its:

- Two storey massing;
- L-shaped Plan;
- Granite Exterior;
- Low-pitched hip roof;
- Front Facing gable peaks;
- Stone foundation;
- Stone Quoins and voussoirs;
- Decorative Brackets;
- Decorative capitals and columns;

- Stone lintels and sills;
- Sash windows;
- Bay Window with decorative trim;
- One-storey covered Porch with decorative capitals and columns;
- Sidelights and Transom;

Historical/ Associative Value:

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 59 Bruce Street as it has direct historical associative values.

- Historically associated as a longstanding residential building that contributes to the early development history of the Town of Galt;
- Historical association with Adam Hood, a prominent carpenter who contributed to the early development history of the Town of Galt;
- Historical association due to ownership Knox Presbyterian Church between 1920 to 1958 and was likely used as a church manse.

Contextual Value:

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 59 Bruce Street as it is important in maintaining and supporting the mid to late 19th century character of the area:

- Overall massing, architectural details, shallow setback, and location within the within the historic Town of Galt;
- Sharing similar massing and setback by other buildings in its proximity on Bruce Street and Chisholm St helping to preserve the area's sense of place.

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 59 Bruce Street as it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.

- Historically linked to the surrounding streetscape as it is part of a cohesive group of residential properties with a shared development history in which the subject property directly contributes to the early development of the Town of Galt.

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



Notice of Objection

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 # day of December 2025.