Reference: Report 25-017-PG

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BY-LAW 26-XXX

A By-law to Designate the Property known as 4860 Townline Road, as being of Cultural and Heritage Value or Interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

WHEREAS section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge has caused to be served upon the owner of the property at 4860 Townline Road, Cambridge, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused such Notice to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND FURTHER WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Cambridge enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the property located at 4860 Townline Road, Cambridge, and legally described in Schedule “A” attached hereto, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The designation is limited to the exterior of the property, and no elements of the interior are included in this designation.

2. **AND THAT** the reasons for designation including a description of the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of its heritage attributes, are set out in Schedule “B” attached hereto and forming part of the By-law.

3. **AND FURTHER THAT** the City of Cambridge is hereby authorized to serve a copy of this by-law to the owner of the property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Cambridge.

4. **AND FINALLY THAT** it is Acknowledged and Directed that the City Solicitor, or their designate, be authorized to register electronically any and all documents in connection with this transaction.

PASSED AND ENACTED this 24th day of February 2026.

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MAYOR

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CLERK

SCHEDULE “A”

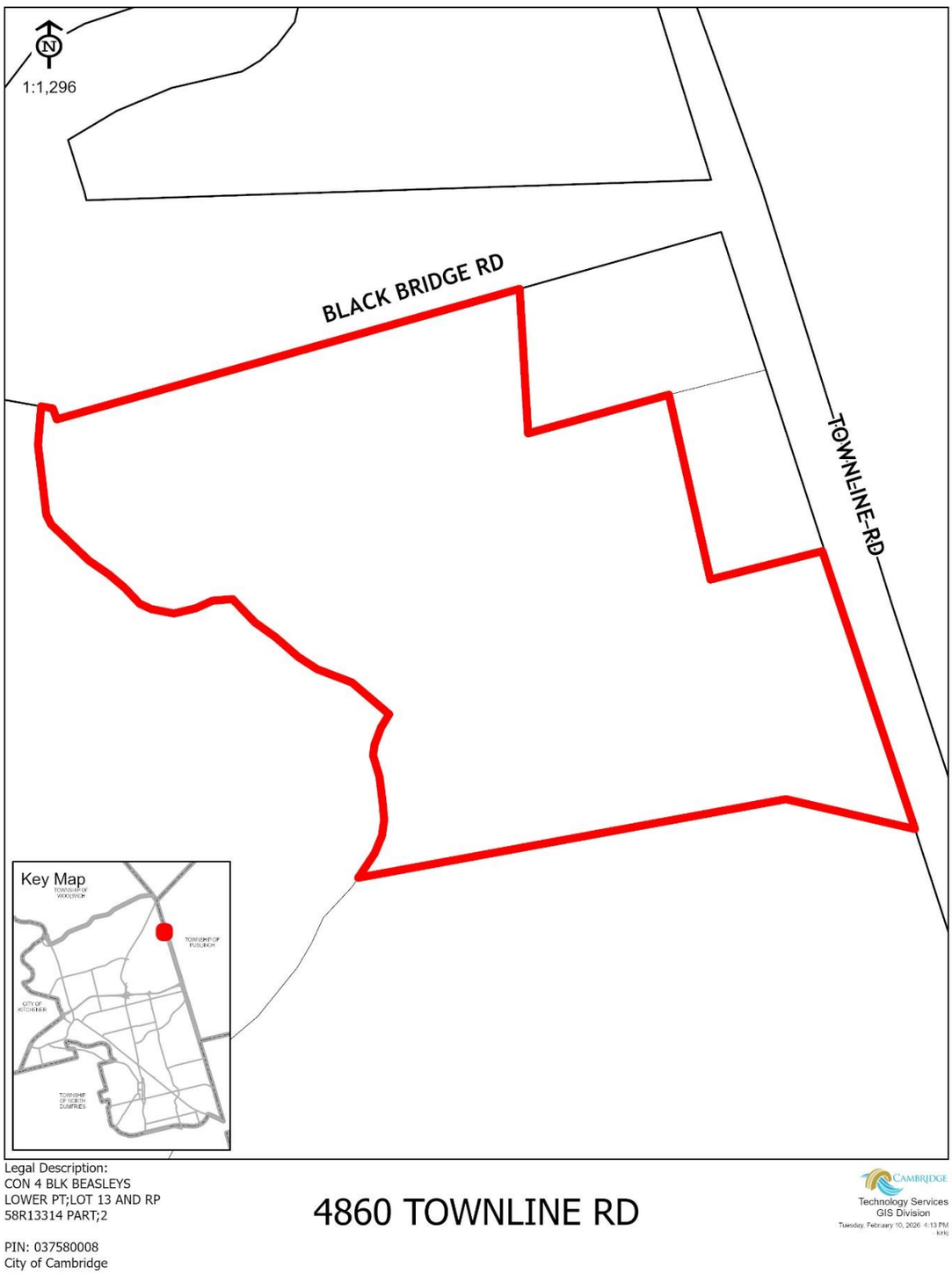
TO BY-LAW 25-XXX

of the

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Legal Description of Property

PART LOT 13, CONCESSION 4 BEASLEY'S LOWER BLOCK TWP OF WATERLOO AS IN 1152360, SAVE AND EXCEPT PART 2, PLAN 58R20763; CITY OF CAMBRIDGE



Legal Description:
CON 4 BLK BEASLEYS
LOWER PT;LOT 13 AND RP
58R13314 PART;2

PIN: 037580008
City of Cambridge

4860 TOWNLINE RD

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SCHEDULE “B”

TO BY-LAW 26-XXX

of the

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 4860 Townline Road, Cambridge, is a historically significant site constructed in 1856 by Peter Niles Holm, a Danish immigrant and pioneer in local industrial development. Known as Holm’s Mill or Speed River Mill, the property exemplifies Georgian Mill architecture and has played a key role in shaping the industrial and economic character of the Cambridge area.

The 3½-storey limestone flour mill showcases exceptional craftsmanship, particularly in its fieldstone construction, voussoirs, and quoins. The mill is part of the Black Bridge Cultural Heritage Landscape, contributing to the area’s historical and contextual value. Additional features include a one-storey sawmill outbuilding, remnants of canal and dam infrastructure, and mature natural landscapes.

The property is adjacent to other significant heritage features, including the Black Bridge Road Bridge (designated), the Mill Manager’s House, and the Mill Boarding House (both listed), reinforcing its importance within the heritage landscape.

Reasons for Designation

The property meets the criteria for designation under Ontario Regulation 9/06 in the following ways:

1. **Design or Physical Value:**
    - Holm’s Mill is a rare and representative example of Georgian Mill architecture, exhibiting exceptional craftsmanship and the functional design of 19th-century industrial buildings.
    - The limestone construction, including its voussoirs and quoins, demonstrates a high level of craftsmanship and durability.
    - The canal and dam infrastructure showcase technical ingenuity in harnessing waterpower for industrial operations.

2. **Historical or Associative Value:**
    - The property is directly associated with Peter Niles Holm, a pioneer in industrial development and a community leader who contributed significantly to the area’s growth.
    - Holm’s work reflects early industrial innovation and economic development in Cambridge, and his contributions as a minister and community leader highlight his broader influence.
    - The property yields insights into 19th-century milling practices and rural industrial development, offering an understanding of the area’s historical evolution.

3. **Contextual Value:**
    - The property is an integral part of the Black Bridge Cultural Heritage Landscape, contributing to the industrial character and historical significance of the area.

- Its proximity to the Speed River and adjacent heritage properties— including the Black Bridge Road Bridge, Mill Manager's House, and Mill Boarding House—enhances its functional and historical links to the surroundings.
- Recognized as a community landmark, the mill is notable for its visual prominence and its role in defining the area's identity

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following elements of the property contribute to its cultural heritage value and are included in the designation:

1. Flour Mill Building (Main Structure):
    - 3½-storey limestone structure with Georgian Mill architectural style.
    - Symmetrical flat-headed windows and doors.
    - Fieldstone construction with detailed voussoirs and quoins.
    - Gable roof with intersected design.

2. Sawmill Outbuilding:
    - One-storey, four-bay fieldstone structure located south of the main mill building.

3. Canal and Dam Infrastructure:
    - Remnants of the canal system, the "Little Dam" and Blackbridge Road Dam.

4. Natural Landscape Features:
    - Mature trees and wooded areas along the Speed River.
    - Open spaces historically used for community gatherings.
    - Gravel laneway with an iron gate entrance leading to the mill.

Dated at Cambridge this 24th day of February 2026.