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 135 George Street North, 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 135 George Street North, 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 135 George Street North, 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”

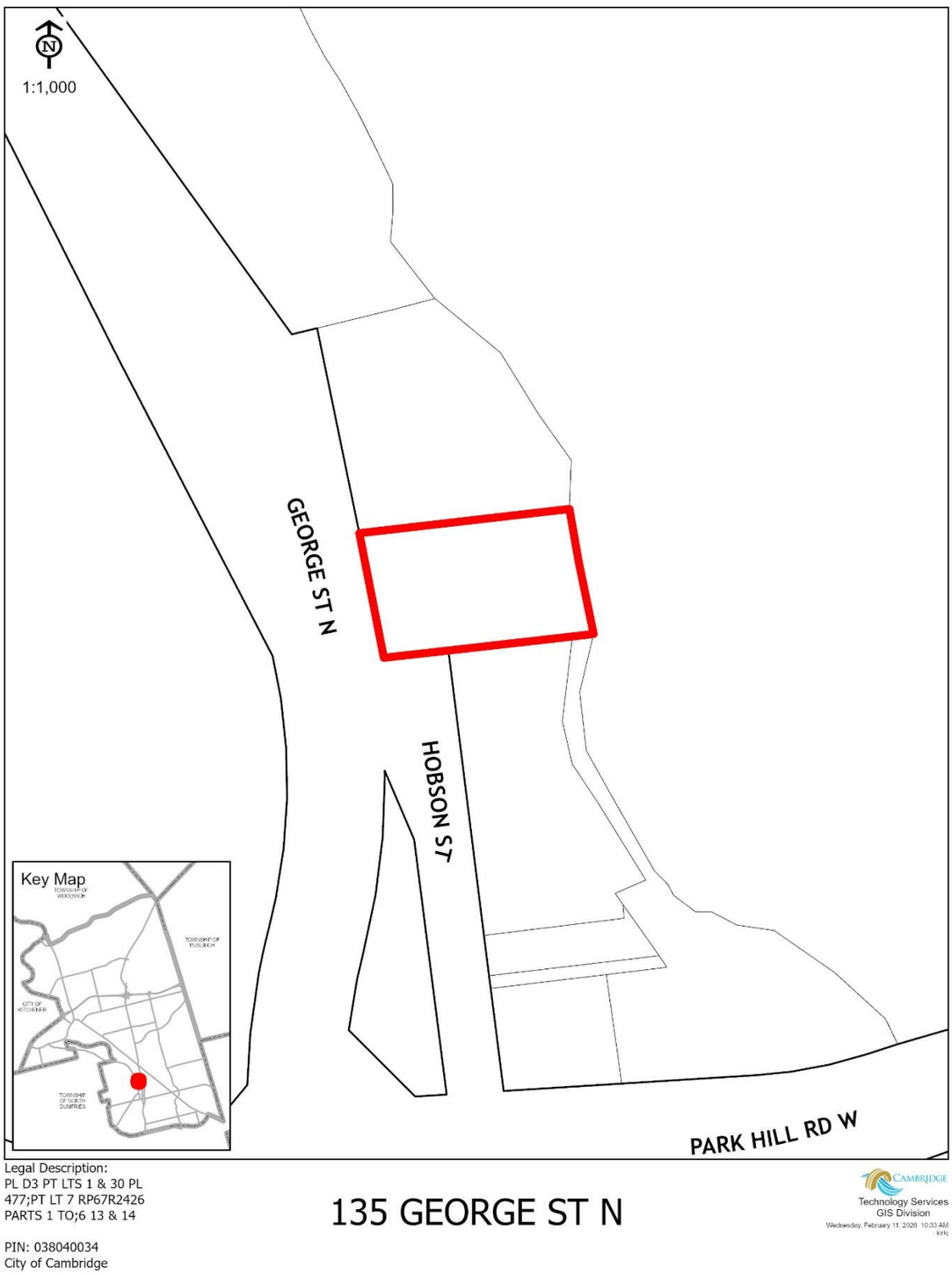
TO BY-LAW 26-XXX

of the

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Legal Description of Property

PL D3 PT LTS 1 & 30 PL 477; PT LT 7 RP67R2426 PARTS 1 TO;6 13 & 14



SCHEDULE “B”
TO BY-LAW 26-XXX
of the
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Description of the Property

The property known municipally as 135 George Street North is located on the east side of George Street North, north of Park Hill Road West and immediately west of the Grand River in the former Town of Galt (now Cambridge).

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The large lot is occupied by a large two-storey, red brick rectangular former factory building that originally was a bread making factory. The property located at 135 George Street North is a representative example of a modest, utilitarian factory building as it displays symmetrical windows and apertures and brick veneer construction.

The building is directly associated with William Dixon, who constructed the factory in 1922 as the Dixon Bread factory. He sold the building and company to Canada Bread in 1926. However, Dixon remained as president of both the Canada Bread Company and the Bread and Cake Bakers Association of Canada for many years. Despite this achievement, Dixon is probably best known for his dedication to public service in the City of Galt by serving on Galt City Council from 1919-1920 and again from 1933-1934. Dixon promoted several initiatives in the City including support for the construction of the current Park Hill Road bridge in 1934, he was a member of the Galt Hydro Commission that oversaw the construction of the current David Durward Centre, and as a member of the Galt Amateur Athletic Association, he was one of the key players in championing the construction of the Galt Arena Garden on Shade Street in 1921. Later in life, Dixon was on the steering committee which selected the Queen’s Square cenotaph as a location to memorialize those who served in World War One. Dixon was also an active member of the Galt Agricultural Society and probably assisted with the South Waterloo Agricultural Society’s acquiring the former Canada Bread factory at 135 George Street North when the factory relocated in 1961. Dixon died in 1974 and was elected to the Cambridge Hall of Fame in 2008 for his contributions to the City.

In 1961, Dixon sold the building to the Waterloo Agricultural Society, who used this building for the next several decades as its Galt location. The sign is still very prominent on the west side of the building.

George Street is visually connected to its surroundings as the west side of George Street North has been a park since before the construction of the building and the Grand River to the east serviced the water needs for the factories that have existed on the subject lands since the mid nineteenth century. It’s within the area and sitting across from Dickson Park makes it a landmark which adds substantially to its value to the community in this context.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following elements contribute to the property’s cultural heritage value:

- The brick cladding on the building
- The flat roof design
- The North Waterloo Agricultural Society and Canada Bread Company signage on the building
- The current door and window apertures
- All stone sills and lintel plates

Dated at Cambridge this 24th day of February, 2026