

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BY-LAW 26-018

A By-law to Designate the Property known as 7 McAuslan Street, 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 7 McAuslan Street, 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 7 McAuslan Street, 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.

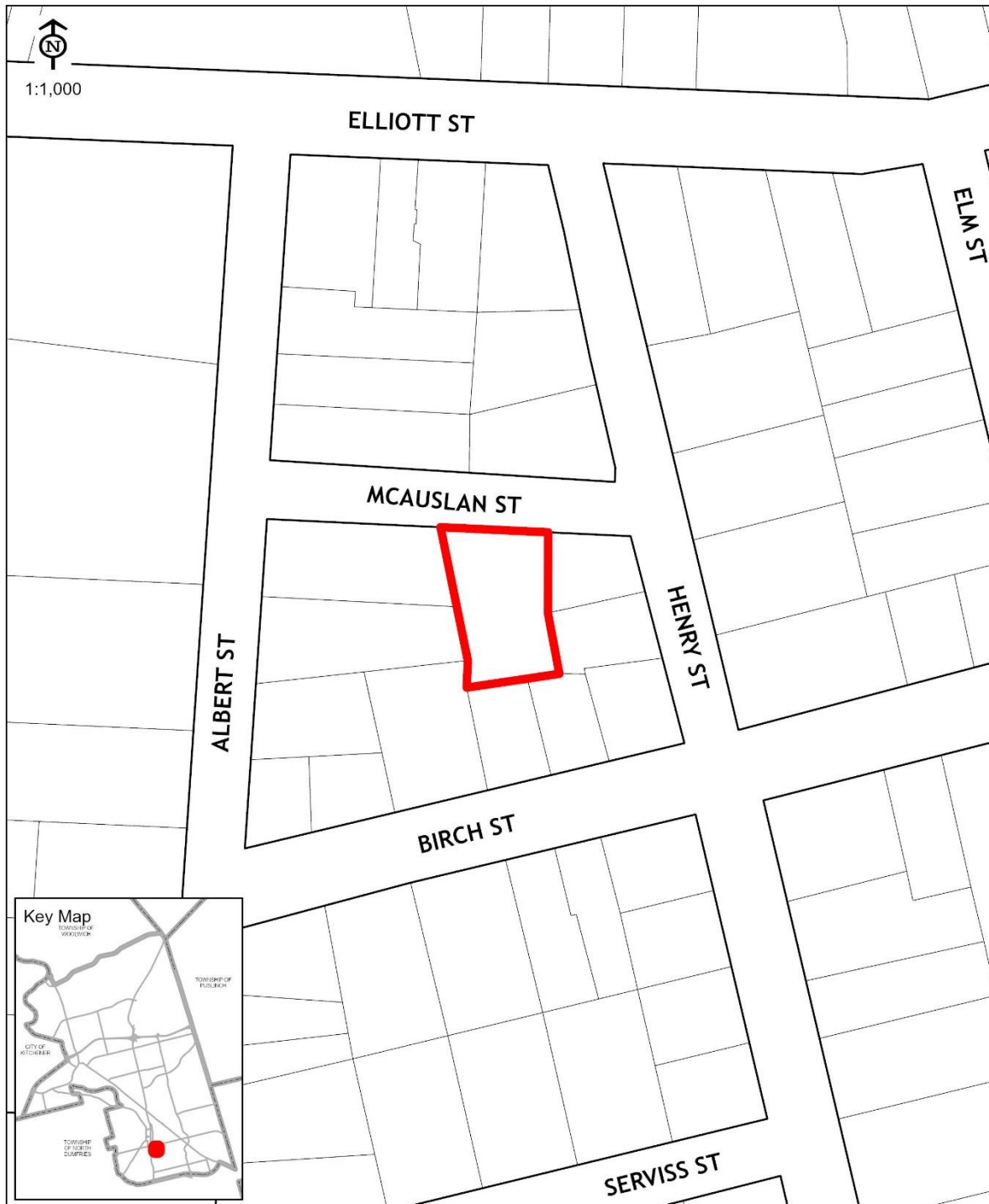
MAYOR

CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"
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Legal Description of Property

PLAN 457 E PT LOT 83 LOT 89



Legal Description:
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PIN: 038340073
City of Cambridge

7 MCAUSLAN ST

SCHEDULE "B"
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Description of the Historic Place

The property known municipally as 7 McAuslan Street is located on the north side of McAuslan Street south of Elliott Street and east of Albert Street in the former Town of Galt. The large lot is occupied by a two-storey stone residence and what is believed to be the original driveshed behind the residence.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The property located at 7 McAuslan Street is both a representative example of a vernacular structure with elements of the Gothic revival style as it displays high peaked gables, an asymmetrical layout and window placements and granite construction.

The property displays good craftsmanship including the stone construction, window types, sills, lintels, date stone and the original driveshed, which is a very rare feature to be found within the city limits of Cambridge.

The house is associated with notable figure such as Archibald "Archie" McAuslan, for whom the street is named, Phillipina Ball Keachie, William Wilkinson and Andrew Elliott. In 1872, Andrew Elliott, a prominent industrialist, transportation pioneer, and eventual first Mayor of the incorporated Town of Galt, underwent a survey of his vast estate lands called Craigie Lea in south Galt.

The land was surveyed into approximately 200 lots with several streets laid out. At the time of the survey, McAuslan Street was then named John Street after one of Elliott's children. The street was later renamed McAuslan Street after the McAuslan family. John McAuslan (1808-1878) was the first toll operator on the Dundas Road on the eastern edge of Galt. His son Archibald (Archie, 1842-1920), future Reeve of Galt and a prominent builder who owned a shop on Concession Street that manufactured sashes, doors, windows and other elements of building houses across the town. Archie is believed to have been the builder of 7 McAuslan Street.

Phillipina Ball was a widow who owned the property from 1911 to 1921. Ball was the widow of John Keachie (1838-1914), a farm labourer and builder. It has been speculated in local folklore that the house contained a butcher shop from about 1890 to 1915. There has been no evidence uncovered to date to prove this theory. This speculation was because of the double entry doors into the structure when it was constructed. One door was believed to access the residence portion, while the other door accessed the butcher's shop. Ball is listed in census records for her period of ownership as a boarding house operator. This would make more sense to the double entry door theory as each door would lead to different dwelling units within the house. It also made sense why William Wilkinson purchased the property in 1921 as census reports in the 1920s show that some of the tenants were workers at Wilkinson's store on Main Street.

7 McAuslan Street is visually connected to its surroundings as the structures are some of the oldest in the immediate area. The neighbourhood displays a large degree of late nineteenth and early twentieth century structures, making 7 McAuslan an important historical anchor to the development of the neighbourhood. Its inclusion of the original driveshed is not shared by other properties within the area, which adds substantially to its value to the community in this context.

Description of Heritage Attributes

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

- The two storey vernacular form and massing with Gothic Revival elements
- The granite and fieldstone exterior cladding and fieldstone foundation
- The datestone of 1885 at the gable peak of the front façade wall
- The arrangement and aperture size of all windows
- The covered front porch with simple columns
- The overall roof profile and pitch
- The massing and materials of the detached driveshed at the rear of the property

Dated at Cambridge this 24th day of February 2026.