

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BY-LAW 23-100

Being a by-law to designate the property located at 74 Queen Street East as a property of cultural heritage value

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

AND WHEREAS the Notice of Intention to Designate for 74 Queen Street East, Cambridge, Ontario, has been duly published and served,

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

1. **THAT** the lands described in Schedule “A”, municipally known as 74 Queen Street East, Cambridge, Ontario be designated (the “Property”) to be of cultural heritage value. The reasons for designation are as set out in Schedule “B”;
2. **AND 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;
3. **AND FURTHER 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.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 28th day of November 2023

MAYOR

CLERK

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of the

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Being comprised of LT 53 PL 802 CAMBRIDGE, SAVE AND EXCEPT PT 1, PL 58R18592; CITY OF CAMBRIDGE; PIN 03759-0363 (LT)

SCHEDULE “B”

To By-law 23-100

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The subject property, municipally known as 74 Queen Street East, is designated because of its cultural heritage significance.

Description of Historic Place

74 Queen Street East is on the southwest corner of Queen Street East as it intersects with Cooper Street, in the former Town of Hespeler, now the City of Cambridge. The primary heritage resource is the two storey building that is oriented towards the southwest side of Queen Street East. The building is elevated off the street at Cooper Street and includes a rough course limestone retaining wall with concrete steps and sidewalk to access the front door and south side of the building along Cooper Street.

Summary of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 74 Queen Street East is a rare representative example of the Art Deco style of architecture usually reserved for commercial buildings from about 1925 to 1940. The building was constructed at the Hespeler Post Office in 1928. Typical of this style, the building has a sleek, linear appearance with stylized, geometric ornamentation. The structure at 74 Queens Street East is constructed of red and black rug brick in a Flemish bond patterns with a stretcher course bond at the base and around the windows. Between the first and second floor windows are geometric brick pattern inlays, which is very indicative of the Art Deco style. Also typical of the Art Deco style, there is a protruding cornice ledge two feet below the parapet walls on both sides. There is also a clock face above the cornice ledge on the front façade.

The historical value of the structure is reflected by its architect. The Chief Dominion Architect in 1928 was Thomas W. Fuller. He was the son of Thomas Fuller, who was also the Dominion Architect for Canada from 1881-1896. Thomas Sr. was responsible for the construction of the Old Galt Post Office in 1885. Thomas W. Fuller designed a number of Art Deco style government buildings across Canada, which was a popular design. Cambridge has few examples of the Art Deco style for Federal buildings, which makes the Hespeler Post Office building particularly worthy of designation.

The cultural heritage value or interest also lies in its contribution to the character of the surrounding area. The structure mimics a flatiron design allowing two façades to be running down both Queen and Cooper Streets. The brick colour and Art Deco style are distinct heritage features which terminates the view of the commercial core of Hespeler.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of 74 Queen Street East include:

- Its positioning on a corner lot in a stylised flatiron design;
- Brick Flemish bond design construction with stretcher bond at the base and around the windows;
- Its stone foundation and stairway retaining wall;
- Tuck pointing on the brick as well as the stone work;
- Limestone doorway surrounds;
- Intricate brick inlay motifs on the side elevations;
- Protruding cornice ledge painted in white;
- Stone sills; and
- Clock face in the front façade pediment.

Key exterior attributes that embody the contextual value of 74 Queen Street East include:

- The location of 74 Queen Street East in a prominent location in Hespeler on the corner of Queen Street East and Cooper Street; and
- The structure acts as the terminus of the view for the main commercial area of the Hespeler Core.