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Bill No. 109

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 25-109

To Designate Property Located at 1175 Main Street East, City of Hamilton as Property of Cultural Heritage Value

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

AND WHEREAS Council of the City of Hamilton has received and considered the recommendations of its Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee pertaining to this by-law, arising from the meeting of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee held on February 28, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton, at its meeting held on March 26, 2025, resolved to direct the City Clerk to take appropriate action to designate the Property described as 1175 Main Street East in the City of Hamilton, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto (the "Property"), as property of cultural heritage value or interest, which resolution was confirmed by By-law No. 25-056;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with subsection 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Council of the City of Hamilton has caused to be served on the owner of the Property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to Designate the Property as being of cultural heritage value or interest, and has caused a Notice of Intention to Designate to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "B";

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation under section 29(5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* has been served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS Council has decided to designate the Property in accordance with section 29(8) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

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1. A statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the Property, and a description of the heritage attributes of the Property are set out in Schedule “C” hereto.
2. The Property, together with its heritage attributes listed in Schedule “C” hereto, is hereby designated as property of cultural heritage value or interest.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed,
 - a. to cause a copy of this By-law, together with the statement of cultural heritage value or interest and description of heritage attributes of the Property, to be served on the Ontario Heritage Trust, the owner of the Property, and any person who served an objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate, by a method permitted by the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and,
 - b. to publish a notice of passing of this By-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Hamilton. Once this By-law comes into force and effect in accordance with the applicable provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the City Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this By-law, together with its Schedules, to be registered against the whole of the Property described in Schedule “A” hereto in the proper registry office.

PASSED this 28th day of May, 2025.

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

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Schedule "A"

To

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**1175 Main Street East,
Hamilton, Ontario**

PIN: 17227-0332 (LT)

Legal Description:

PART LOT 5 CONCESSION 2 BARTON, AS IN HA188365 & HA193654 EXCEPT
PART 1 PLAN 62R4798 AND PART 1 PLAN 62R20889; CITY OF HAMILTON

Schedule “B”

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**1175 Main Street East
Hamilton, Ontario**

CITY OF HAMILTON

**Notice of Intention to Designate
Properties in Hamilton**

The City of Hamilton intends to designate the following properties under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as being properties of cultural heritage value.

1175 Main Street East, Hamilton (Memorial Public School)

The 1919 two-storey brick school located at 1175 Main Street East is a representative example of the Collegiate Gothic architectural style that displays a high degree of craftsmanship. The property is a rare surviving example of a school built to commemorate the dead of the First World War. The property is associated with the twentieth century development of Hamilton's East End and Hamiltonians desire to memorialize the First World War. It also reflects the work of Hamilton-born architect George Hutton (1881-1942). Contextually, this property is important in defining the character of Crown Point West. It is historically, visually, and functionally linked to its surroundings, and is considered a local landmark.

801 Dunsmore Road, Hamilton (W. H. Ballard Public School)

The three-storey school building, constructed in 1922, is a representative example of the Collegiate Gothic architectural style. The property displays a high degree of craftsmanship and a high degree of technical achievement as an early example of a school with a steel-frame structure. The property is associated with its namesake, prominent local educator William Henry Ballard (1845-1934), and with the theme of Hamilton's twentieth century industrial expansion. It is also associated with the prominent architectural firm of Warren and McDonnell. Contextually, this property is important in defining the character of the historic Homeside Neighbourhood. It is historically and visually linked to its surroundings and is considered to be a local landmark.

Additional Information

Further information regarding this notice of intention to designate is available from the City. The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, Description of Heritage Attributes and supporting Cultural Heritage Assessment for the above properties may be found online via www.hamilton.ca or viewed at the Office of the City Clerk, 71 Main Street West, 1st Floor, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4Y5, during regular business hours.

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the publication of the Notice, serve written notice of their objections to the proposed designation of any property herein, together with a statement for the objection and relevant facts, on the City Clerk at the Office of the City Clerk.

Dated at Hamilton, this 14th day of April, 2025.



Matthew Trennum
City Clerk
Hamilton, Ontario

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Schedule “C”
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1175 Main Street East
Hamilton, Ontario

**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST, AND
DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

Description of Property

The 2.15 hectare property municipally addressed as 1175 Main Street East is comprised of a two-storey brick building constructed in 1919 known as the Hamilton Memorial Public School. The property is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Main Street East and Ottawa Street North, in the Crown Point West Neighbourhood in the City of Hamilton.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The two-storey brick school located at 1175 Main Street East, known as the Hamilton Memorial Public School, was constructed in 1919. It has design and physical value as a representative example of the Collegiate Gothic style of architecture as applied to an urban elementary school, which displays a high degree of craftsmanship through the decorative patterned brickwork and elaborate stone entrance surrounds. The property is also a rare example of a Hamilton school building with a central auditorium with covered skylight and a rare surviving example of a school built to commemorate the dead of the First World War.

The historical value of the property lies in its association with the development of Hamilton’s East End in the early twentieth century and the desire of Hamiltonians to memorialize the First World War. The subject property also reflects the work of prominent Hamilton-born architect George Hutton (1881-1942).

Contextually, this property is important in defining the residential character of the surrounding neighbourhood of Crown Point West. It is historically, visually, and functionally linked to its surroundings, being on its original location at the intersection of Main Street East and Ottawa Street North. This large and distinctive structure situated along a major thoroughfare has been well-known to generations of Hamilton students and is considered a local landmark.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

Key attributes that embody the physical value of the property as being a representative twentieth-century Collegiate Gothic brick school, a rare example of a Hamilton school building with a central auditorium, its association with the desire of Hamiltonians to memorialize the First World War, and in demonstrating a high degree of craftsmanship, include:

- All elevations and roofline of the two-storey 1919 original school building, including its:
 - Rectangular plan with blind end pavilions;
 - Brick facades with stone accents;
 - Crenelated brick parapet with stone accents and moulded cornice;
 - Main entrance on the front (south) elevation, including its:
 - Projecting frontispiece topped by carved stone tablets with floral motif flanked by carved stone spires;
 - Carved date stone reading “1914- Memorial School-1918” with floral motif;
 - Projecting entryway in the centre of the frontispiece with crenelated stone parapet with brick accents featuring carved stone spindles and the former coat of arms of the City of Hamilton showing the Steamship, Beaver and Beehive; and,
 - Recessed gated opening below the parapet with elaborate stone moulding under a pointed arch with the words, “We gave Our today for your tomorrow/ We died that you might live” in relief above the arch;
 - Projecting decorative brick panels on the front (south) elevation, including its:
 - Dichromatic brickwork in lozenge pattern with floral stone accents;
 - Horizontal and vertical stone banding with quoins; and
 - Stone tablet with floral motif flanked by stone spires;
 - Projecting entrances on both side (east and west) elevations, including the:
 - Pointed arch door openings;
 - Recessed entrances with stone moulding;
 - Elaborate stone reliefs with a floral motif and shaped transom; and,
 - Brick pilasters supporting the raised parapet with carved stone spindles and stone plaques, each entrance having the name of a different famous Canadian soldier: Major-General Sir Edward W. B. Morrison; General Sir Arthur Currie; Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae; and Lieutenant-Colonel William A. Bishop;
 - Horizontal stone banding; and,

- Grouped windows with stone window surrounds.
- Interior features of the central auditorium in the 1919 original school building, including its:
 - Coffered ceiling supported by Composite order capitals on brackets;
 - Mural banner over the stage reading, “That our youth may ever remember the valiant men of Hamilton who died in the Great War, this school is a memorial”;
 - Moulded proscenium over the stage;
 - Seventeen painting plaques bearing the names of First World War battles in which Canadian troops participated, arranged under the arched openings of the second-floor gallery;
 - Alternating coat of arms of Canada and the United Kingdom arranged on columns supporting the second-floor gallery between painted plaques; and,
 - Sixteen bronze plaques, each bearing the names of 132 Hamiltonians who died in the First World War, arranged on columns below the coat of arms.
- All elevations and roofline of the two-storey 1921 Manual Arts Building annex, including its:
 - Brick facades with stone accents;
 - Crenelated parapet with dichromatic brick decorations, moulded cornice, and carved stone reading “Manual Arts”;
 - Former entrances with brick pilasters topped with capstones supporting carved stone spires;
 - Horizontal stone banding; and,
 - Stone window surrounds with quoins.
- The concrete plaque reading “Manual Training”, originally part of the entrance to the 1921 annex and relocated to the east elevation of the single-storey 1994 brick addition.

The modern gymnasium, built 1970, and single-storey addition, built 1990 to connect the 1919 original school to the 1921 Manual Arts Building annex, are not considered to have heritage value or interest.

Key attributes that embody the contextual value of the property as a defining feature of the historical character of the Crown Point West Neighbourhood include its:

- Location at intersection of Main Street East and Ottawa Street North;
- Deep setbacks of the original 1919 building from Main Street East and Ottawa Street North; and,
- Shallow setback of the 1921 Manual Arts Building annex to Ottawa Street North.