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Bill No. 082

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 24-

To Designate Property Located at 419 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, 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 January 26, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton, at its meeting held on March 27, 2024, resolved to direct the City Clerk to take appropriate action to designate the Property described as 419 Wilson Street East, Ancaster 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. 24-044;

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:

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 12th day of June, 2024.

A. Horwath
Mayor

J. Pilon
Acting City Clerk

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Schedule "A"

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**419 Wilson Street East, Ancaster
Hamilton, Ontario**

PIN: 17446-0083 (LT)

Legal Description:

PT LT 45, CON 2 ANCASTER , AS IN CD451976 ; ANCASTER CITY OF HAMILTON

Schedule "B"

To

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**419 Wilson Street East, Ancaster
Hamilton, Ontario**

**Notice of Intention to Designate
419 Wilson Street East, Ancaster
(Masonic Hall)**

The City of Hamilton intends to designate 419 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as being a property of cultural heritage value.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The two-and-a-half-storey building located at 419 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, was originally constructed as a two-storey building circa 1821. The property has physical value as an early and representative example of a vernacular early-nineteenth century stone structure that also displays a high degree of craftsmanship in its significant sympathetic addition constructed circa 1914. The property has heritage value for its associations with prominent nineteenth-century Ancasterians, including George Leith (1812-1887) and with a long-serving Ancaster organization known as the Seymour Lodge No. 272 Masons. Contextually, this property helps define the character of the historic Ancaster Village and is visually and historically linked to its surroundings.

The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, Description of Heritage Attributes and supporting Cultural Heritage Assessment 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, 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 26th day of April, 2024.



Janet Pilon
Acting City Clerk
Hamilton, Ontario



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Schedule “C”

To

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**419 Wilson Street East, Ancaster
Hamilton, Ontario**

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

Description of Property

The 0.1 hectare property municipally-addressed as 419 Wilson Street East, known as the Masonic Hall, is comprised of a two-and-a-half-storey stone structure built circa 1821. It is on the northwestern side of Wilson Street East, between the intersection of Rousseaux Street to the north and Academy Street to the south, in Ancaster Village in the community of Ancaster, in the City of Hamilton.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The two-and-a-half-storey building located at 419 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, was originally constructed as a two-storey building circa 1821. The property has physical value as an early and representative example of a vernacular early-nineteenth century stone structure that also displays a high degree of craftsmanship in its significant sympathetic addition constructed circa 1914.

The property has heritage value for its associations with prominent nineteenth-century Ancasterians, including George Leith (1812-1887) and with a long-serving Ancaster organization known as the Seymour Lodge No. 272 Masons. Believed to be the oldest stone structure in the core of Ancaster Village, the building was originally used as a blacksmith shop and carriage workshop throughout the nineteenth century. The property was owned in the mid-nineteen century by George Leith, owner of the famed Hermitage Estate. The fledgling Seymour Lodge No. 272, held their first meeting in the structure in the Spring of 1872, and has continued to meet in the same space ever since. Purchased by the Lodge in 1900, the property has been the home of this local Masonic branch for over a century.

Contextually, this property defines the character of the surrounding area and is visually and historically linked to its surroundings. Its close proximity to the historic transportation corridor of Wilson Street East and continuity with the surrounding structures creates a viewscape in the transition from the residential stretch of the street to the core commercial area, acting as a gateway into the core of Ancaster Village.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

Key attributes that embody the physical value of the property as being an early and representative vernacular nineteenth-century stone building, in demonstrating a high degree of craftsmanship, and its long-standing association with Seymour Lodge No. 272 Masons, include:

- The front (east) and side (north and south) elevations and roofline of the two-and-a-half-storey stone structure, including its:
 - Hip roof with a front gable and projecting side dormers;
 - Coursed rubble stone walls with dressed quoins;
 - Large window below the front gable with a carved stone lintel reading “Masonic Hall” and stone lug sill;
 - Flat-headed window and door openings with dressed stone lintels in the second storey windows and stone voussoirs in the first storey;
 - Remaining two-over-two hung wood windows;
 - Masonry seams between original two-storey circa 1821 front facade and the circa 1914 third storey gable addition, and on the north side elevation between the original structure and the rear 1914 addition; and,
 - Visible masonry fill on either side of the front door; and,
 - Coursed rubble stone foundation.

Key attributes that embody the contextual value of the property as a defining feature of the historical character of Wilson Street East and Ancaster Village, include its:

- Location fronting onto Wilson Street East at the public right of way.