

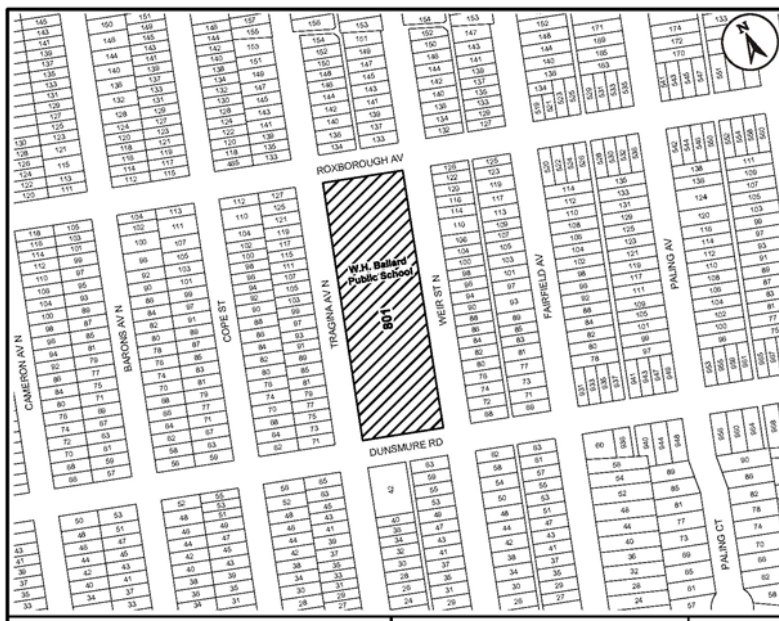


Recommendation To Designate 801 Dunsmure Road, Hamilton (W. H. Ballard Public School)

February 28, 2025

Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

801 Dunsmure Road, Hamilton



Background

August 2014 - Property listed on Municipal Heritage Register.

March 2023 - Prioritized for Designation by January 1st, 2025



Recommendation for Designation Under Part IV of the OHA

801 Dunsmure Road, Hamilton

Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria (9 of 9)

- Design / Physical (Criteria #1, 2, 3)
- Historical / Associative (Criteria #4, 5, 6)
- Contextual (Criteria #7, 8, 9)



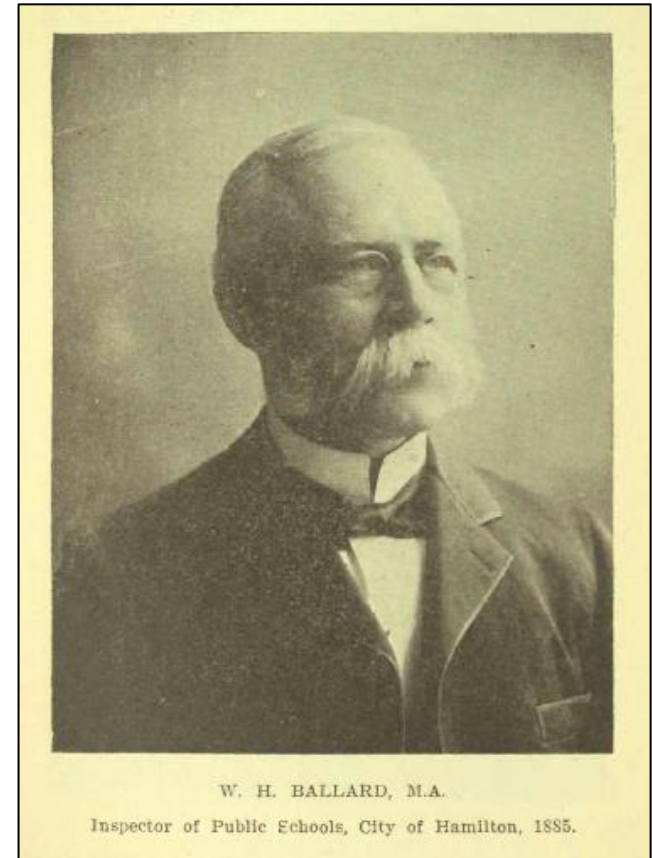
Design / Physical Value

1. The property is a **representative example** of a **Collegiate Gothic** school which is also a **rare example** of a school with a **central auditorium**.
2. The property displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
3. The property **demonstrates** a high degree of technical achievement as an **early example of steel-frame construction** applied to a Canadian school.



Historical / Associative Value

4. The property is associated with Hamilton's industrial expansion and its namesake, educator **W.H. Ballard**.
5. The property has the **potential** to yield information that **contributes** to an understanding of the community of **Homeside**.
6. The property is considered to demonstrate the work or ideas of famed Hamilton architectural firm **Warren & McDonnell**.





BALLARD SCHOOL WAS OPENED LAST EVENING

Fine Tributes Were Paid a Great Teacher

Hon. Dr. H. A. Cody Was the Chief Speaker

Hamilton's veteran educational was honored last evening by the formal opening of the newest and finest link in the city's educational chain, the W. H. Ballard school...

on the city, and the taxpayers would give...

ECONOMICAL "Let me offer my congratulations to you," he continued, "on constructing one of the best-built, best-equipped and most up-to-date schools in the province..."

GREAT TEACHER "There is something inspiring in the name of this school, named as it is after a great teacher, Dr. Ballard..."

Do not forget, the debt you owe to the elder brothers and perhaps your father, who fought for you...

Mr. Cody then declared the school officially open for its high school division...

HIGH THIRTYTHREE Sir John Gibson, before he unveiled the portrait, compared the school's of his boyhood with the great structures of to-day...

Mrs. W. H. Ballard Who was presented with two beautiful bouquets at the opening of the new east end school last evening...

W. H. BALLARD, M.A., LL.D. Who was honored last evening by the opening of the city's newest and finest school named for him...

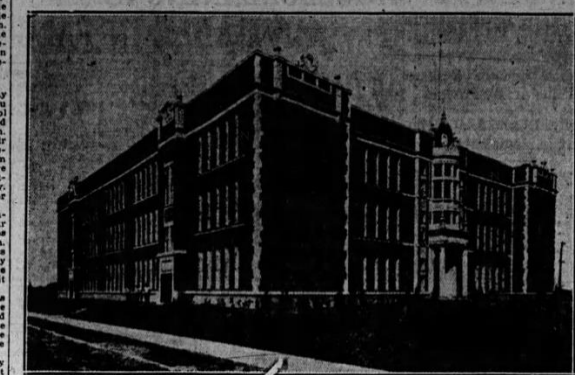
leader," as Dr. H. A. Cody, speaker of the evening called him, which hangs in the front of the big school auditorium...

PROGRESSIVE CITY "This school is another outward sign of the interest the city of Hamilton takes in educational progress..."

TO CHILDREN "To the children I would say that life is not a game to be played but a task to be done..."

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE BALLARD SCHOOL



Ballard school, the latest addition to the educational buildings of the city of Hamilton, opened last evening with due ceremony. This handsome new school has been named after Dr. W. H. Ballard, who has been such an important factor in the development of educational matters in this city.

SERIOUS WASTE 150,000 Tons of Coal Afire in C. N. R. Yard and smoke from the burning bunkers, which are one-fifth of a mile long, in four rows, and in total high, are blanketing the surrounding district...

ADOLESCENT ACT Hon. Dr. Leeming Carr, the next speaker, turned to government affairs and pledged himself to do his best, as member for East Hamilton...

THE MATOR Mayor Jutes tendered his congratulations to the board on the fine school, after the business was over...

VOLUME OF TRADE IN EXCESS OF LAST YEAR

Revival in Business Is Indicated By Exports

Discussed at Luncheon in London

London, Oct. 18.—Development of the empire markets was urged at a luncheon given by the British Empire Federalism Association this afternoon in honor of the Dominion "Centenarians."

Deflation of Prices Affects Returns, However Ottawa, Oct. 18.—Canadian trade expansion during the fiscal year of 1923 was very satisfactory and indicated a revival of commerce and industry...

of Philip Lloyd Grenville, president of the board of trade, referring to a statement given by the Dominion minister of trade, Mr. J. H. Sparrow...

As an example of the deflation in prices, it pointed out that while the exportation of wheat during the past fiscal year was 215,074,481 bushels, an increase of 44 per cent over the export figures for 1921...

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS

Table listing steamship arrivals with columns for ship name, origin, arrival date, and agent.

LANTERN SERVICE

The evening service at St. Philip's church will be illustrated by lantern slides. The subject will be Palestine. The entire service will be presented. Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and choral Cantabat at 11 o'clock.

Furniture Lanislide

Your Opportunity to Buy Furniture at Prices Never Heard of Before COME AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE—FIRST COME GETS BEST CHOICE



3-Piece Chesterfield Suites



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Contextual Value

7. The property defines the **character** of the **Homeside neighborhood**.
8. The property is **visually and historically linked to its surroundings**.
9. The property is **considered** to be a local **landmark**.



Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (Summary)

The three-storey school at **801 Dunsmure Road** was built in 1922. It has design value as a **representative example** of the **Collegiate Gothic** style of architecture as applied to a school and as a **rare example** of a **Hamilton** school building with a central auditorium. The property displays a **high degree** of **craftsmanship** and a **high degree** of **technical achievement**.

The historical value of the property lies in its association with **prominent** Hamilton educator **W. H. Ballard** (1845-1934) and with the theme of Hamilton's industrial expansion. It is also associated with leading Hamilton architectural firm **Warren and McDonnell**.

Contextually, this property is **important** in **defining** the **character** of the **Homeside Neighborhood**, and is **visually and historically linked** to its surroundings. As a distinctive and massive structure which dominates the local area, it is considered a landmark.

Description of Heritage Attributes (Summary)

- All four elevations and roofline of the original 1922 school building, including its:
 - Three-storey massing;
 - Rectangular plan with flanking blind end pavilions to the north and south;
 - Brick exterior cladding;
 - Brick parapet with capstones and moulded cornice;
 - Central three-storey decorative bay in the front (south) elevation, including its:
 - Main entrance on the ground floor with an arched door opening with elaborate carved details;
 - Portico with plain Doric columns supporting the entablature with triglyphs, carved plaque reading “W. H. Ballard School”, dentils, moulded cornice, and elaborate finials; and,
 - Round stone bay in the upper storeys with elaborate carved stone parapet, carved stone tablets including the central plaque showing 1922 as the year of construction, flanked by plaques showing the former City of Hamilton crest and the crest of Ontario, on the left and right respectively;
 - Shaped brick parapet with carved stone panel flanked by finials over a round stone bay;
 - Three-storey projecting bays highlighting the entrances on side (east and west) elevations, including:
 - Carved stone door surrounds with stone reliefs reading either “BOYS” or “GIRLS” under a stone moulding;
 - Dichromatic brick decorations;
 - Paired windows in the upper storeys; and,
 - Brick pilasters supporting a moulded cornice with carved stone crests topped by decorative carved stone panels flanked finials;
 - Projecting brick panels on blind end pavilions with dichromatic bricks in lozenge pattern topped by moulded cornice. On the front (south) elevation, the moulded cornice over the blind end pavilions is supported by carved stone crests surmounted by carved stone panels flanked by finials;
 - Window openings grouped in sets of five with continuous stone lug sills and stretcher brick window surrounds; and,
 - Horizontal and vertical stone banding with decorative carved stone inset plaques on front (south) elevation.

Description of Heritage Attributes (Continued)

- Interior features of the central auditorium in the 1922 original building, including its:
 - Steel-frame construction; and,
 - Central two-storey auditorium with third storey classrooms supported by steel trusses overhead.

The 1978 gymnasium addition and the replacement windows in the original 1922 school building are not considered to be of heritage value or interest.

Key attributes that embody the contextual value of the property as a defining feature of the historical character of Homeside and as a neighbourhood landmark, include its:

- Location filling the entire block bordered by Dunsmure Road, Tragina Avenue North, Roxborough Avenue and Weir Street North; and,
- Moderate setback from the public right-of-way along Dunsmure Road to the south and Tragina Avenue North and Weir Street North to the east and west.

Staff Recommendation

That the City Clerk be directed to give **notice of Council's intention to designate 801 Dunsmore Road, Hamilton (W. H. Ballard Public School)**, shown in Appendix A attached to Report PED25034, as a property of cultural heritage value pursuant to the provisions of Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, in accordance with the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes, attached as Appendix B to Report PED25034, subject to the following:

- (a) If no objections are received to the notice of intention to designate in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, City Council directs staff to introduce the necessary by-law to designate the property to be of cultural heritage value or interest to City Council;
- (a) If an objection to the notice of intention to designate is received in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, City Council directs staff to report back to Planning Committee to allow Council to consider the objection and decide whether or not to withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property.



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QUESTIONS?



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