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Report 16-007
CM: April 27, 2016

Bill No. 334

**CITY OF HAMILTON
BY-LAW NO. 16-334**

**To Designate Lands Located at 601 Barton Street East, City of Hamilton, as
Property of Cultural Heritage Value**

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton did give notice of its intention to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with subsection 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection was served on the City Clerk as required by subsection 29(5) of the said Act;

AND WHEREAS it is desired to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with clause 29(6) (a) of the said Act.

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

1. The property located at 601 Barton Street East, Hamilton, Ontario and more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is hereby designated as property of cultural heritage value.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law, together with the statement of cultural heritage value or interest and description of heritage attributes set out in Schedule "B" hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, to be registered against the property affected in the proper registry office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed,
 - a. to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation, to be served on The Ontario Heritage Trust by personal service or by registered mail;
 - b. to publish a notice of this by-law once in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Hamilton.

PASSED this 14th day of December, 2016.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

R. Caterini
City Clerk

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Schedule "A"

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601 Barton Street East
Hamilton, Ontario

PIN: 17194-0111 (LT)

Legal Description:

LTS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, PL 155; PT LT 6, PL 155, AS IN HA108766; PT LT 102, PL
245, AS IN HA108566; LT 103, PL 245; PT LT 9, CON 1, BARTON, AS IN
BR121; HAMILTON

Schedule "B"

To

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601 Barton Street East
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Description of Historic Place

The former Gibson School is a former public school building constructed in 1914 in the Edwardian Classicism style of Architecture. The property is addressed as 601 Barton Street East, Hamilton, and is located between Gibson Street to its east and Birch Avenue to its west. Residential properties are located north of the former school site. The property includes the L-shaped brick building with a 1963 brick addition to the south (front) elevation, a grassed lawn area to the south and west sides, and asphalt parking area on the west and north sides, and an asphalt schoolyard/play area to the northeast of the building.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The former Gibson School has heritage value as a contributor to the Hamilton public education system for nearly 100 years (1914-2009). Prior to the construction of this building, the site served the community (first the rural area in Barton Township and then the City of Hamilton after the 1891 annexation) as a common school or public school from as early as 1854.

The former school building is a representative example of the Edwardian Classicism style of Architecture that was common in Ontario between approximately 1900 and 1930. The style arose during the Reign of King Edward VII (1901-1910), and its influences carried on in the decades following his death. In its Ontario context, the style is defined by its use of brick, classically inspired decorative elements, often minimal or understated ornamentation (in contrast to the more ornate styles of the Victorian era), large and frequent windows, and often rectangular or rectilinear plans and massing. Several other schools in the eastern area of Hamilton were constructed in this style as well, though only a few remain. Although the 1963 gymnasium and administrative wing addition on the south (front) elevation have removed or obscured much of the original facade, the Edwardian design and school building features are

still evident on parts of this elevation and the west and east elevations. The building features iron staircases with decorative elements on the newel posts and stringers.

The former school was most likely designed by the architectural partnership Stewart and Witton (Walter Wilson Stewart and William Palmer Witton), Hamilton architects who designed many public buildings and residences in Hamilton until Stewart's death in 1917.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that express the heritage value of the property related to its former school function and the Edwardian Classicism architectural style include the:

- Brick construction;
- L-shaped plan of the original 1914 building;
- Projections on all elevations of the 1914 structure;
- Rectangular window openings, in singles and groupings of three, four and five on all elevations;
- Stone lintels and sills;
- Continuous stone band above second storey windows;
- Stone cornice;
- Tapered stone lintels and band above basement windows;
- East and west side entrance features with projection, archway, brick voussoirs, shaped stone blocks beneath voussoir, keystone, stone cornice, parapet capped with stone, arched fanlight and double doors;
- Flat roof;
- Parapet at roofline with stone caps, including stepped and arched parapet in south central projection with datestone and school name;
- Rectangular brick courses with stone corners in blank wall area of the east elevation;
- Brick pilasters and stone bands surrounding a stylized rectangular stone decoration in both ends of the south elevation on the second storey; and,
- Interior iron staircases with decorative column-style iron newel posts with round newel cap, patterned borders and rosettes on the stringers (limited to the west staircase).