**Authority:** Item 3(c), Planning Committee
Report 21-017 (PED21211)
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Ward: 3

**Bill No. 061**

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## BY-LAW NO. 22-061

### To Designate Property Located at 1099 King 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's meeting held on October 29, 2021;

**AND WHEREAS** at its Council meeting held on November 10, 2021 the Council of the City of Hamilton resolved to direct the City Clerk to take appropriate action to designate the Property described as 1099 King 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. 21-210;

**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 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. The Property, together with its heritage attributes listed in Schedule "C" hereto is hereby designated as property of cultural heritage value.

2. A statement of the Property's cultural heritage value or interest and description of heritage attributes is attached hereto as Schedule "C".

3. 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.

4. 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 30th day of March, 2022.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk

Schedule "A"

To

By-law No. 22-061

1099 King Street East
Hamilton, Ontario

**Legal Description**

PIN: 17212-0029 (LT)

Legal Description:

Part Lot 7, Concession 2 Barton, Lying South of Cannon St, Established by Bylaw 704, As in HA129809, HA150674 & HA319465 Except Part Melrose Av & Part Balsam Av, Plan 619 & HL301252; City of Hamilton

Schedule "B"

To

By-law No. 22-061

1099 King Street East
Hamilton, Ontario

## Notice of Intention to Designate

### Notice of Intention to Designate 1099 King Street East, Hamilton Jimmy Thompson Memorial Pool

The City of Hamilton intends to designate 1099 King Street East, Hamilton, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as being a property of cultural heritage value.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

Conceived as a municipal pool in 1928, the Jimmy Thompson Memorial Pool opened in January of 1930 and later that year served as the swimming events venue for the inaugural British Empire Games, later Commonwealth Games. After the Games it reverted to use as a municipal pool and home to the Hamilton Aquatic Club, and in 1971 was named for Jimmy Thompson, a former Olympic athlete and swimming coach and instructor.

The Jimmy Thompson Memorial Pool is of cultural heritage value as a rare example of a pre-1950 indoor pool and the last surviving structure of the 1930 British Empire Games.

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 24th day of November, 2021.

Andrea Holland
City Clerk
Hamilton, Ontario

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Schedule "C"

To

By-law No. 22-061

1099 King Street East
Hamilton, Ontario

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

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Jimmy Thompson Memorial Pool at 1099 King Street East is situated on a 0.16 ha lot at the southwest corner of the intersection of King Street East and Balsam Avenue North in Ward 3 of the City of Hamilton.

Conceived as a municipal pool in 1928, the Jimmy Thompson Memorial Pool opened in January of 1930 and later that year served as the swimming events venue for the inaugural British Empire Games, later Commonwealth Games. After the Games it reverted to use as a municipal pool and home to the Hamilton Aquatic Club, and in 1971 was named for Jimmy Thompson, a former Olympic athlete and swimming coach and instructor.

The Jimmy Thompson Memorial Pool is of cultural heritage value as a rare example of a pre-1950 indoor pool, and one built to a high degree of craftsmanship and incorporating the latest engineering, safety, and international competition standards of its time. It is associated with, and the last surviving structure of, the 1930 British Empire Games, and the swimming events of those games, which additionally were the only ones open to female competitors. It is also associated with James 'Jimmy' Thompson who from 1932 to 1965 is estimated to have taught 60,000 children to swim at the pool and coached many individuals and teams to regional, national, and international titles.

Through its siting, massing, and orientation the Pool is a visual landmark, but its contextual value also extends to its Edwardian Classicism style and construction in textured red brick, which contributes to the local architectural character. It is also physically and historically linked to use of the area to the north for recreation and sport, a land use that continues today.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

The key Heritage Attributes that express the design value or physical value of the Jimmy Thompson Memorial Pool include its:

- Five-bay, two-storey south facade built in the Edwardian Classicism style with:
    - Semi-circular headed windows with two orders of gauged brick voussoirs and keystone, and filled with decorative brick;
    - Flemish bond masonry combined with stone string courses and strong cornice;
    - 'Kicked' hip roof with skylights; and,
    - Tall brick chimney on the west façade.
- Interior features including:
    - Roof trusses;
    - Spoon-shaped basin with di-chromatic tiling;
    - Tiled pool barrier wall;
    - Sub-floor access passages;
    - Ascending concrete bleachers;
    - Tiled changing rooms; and,
    - Iron coal furnace door.

Heritage Attributes that reflect the property's contextual attributes include its:

- Continued use for a municipal pool and as part of a larger recreation and sport land use area;
- Orientation to the street with minimal setback; and,
- Landmark qualities from its siting and clear sightlines on King Street East.