

# 785 York Road Ontario Reformatory

**Notice of Intention to  
Designate**

**and**

**Recommendation to list  
cultural heritage resources**

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# Ontario Reformatory

## **Notice of Intention to Designate**

- Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act
- Request by Infrastructure Ontario
- Implementation of the Guelph Innovation District Secondary Plan
- Meets all three criteria set out in Ontario Regulation 9/06

# Designation

## Why designate under section 29, Part IV?

- allows for protection of individual attributes and features including buildings, landscape elements, natural features, and interiors of buildings, etc.
- bylaw sets out the description of the property and the features to be protected
- a permit is required when change is proposed
- provides a higher level of protection, especially when combined with a conservation easement

# Statement of Significance

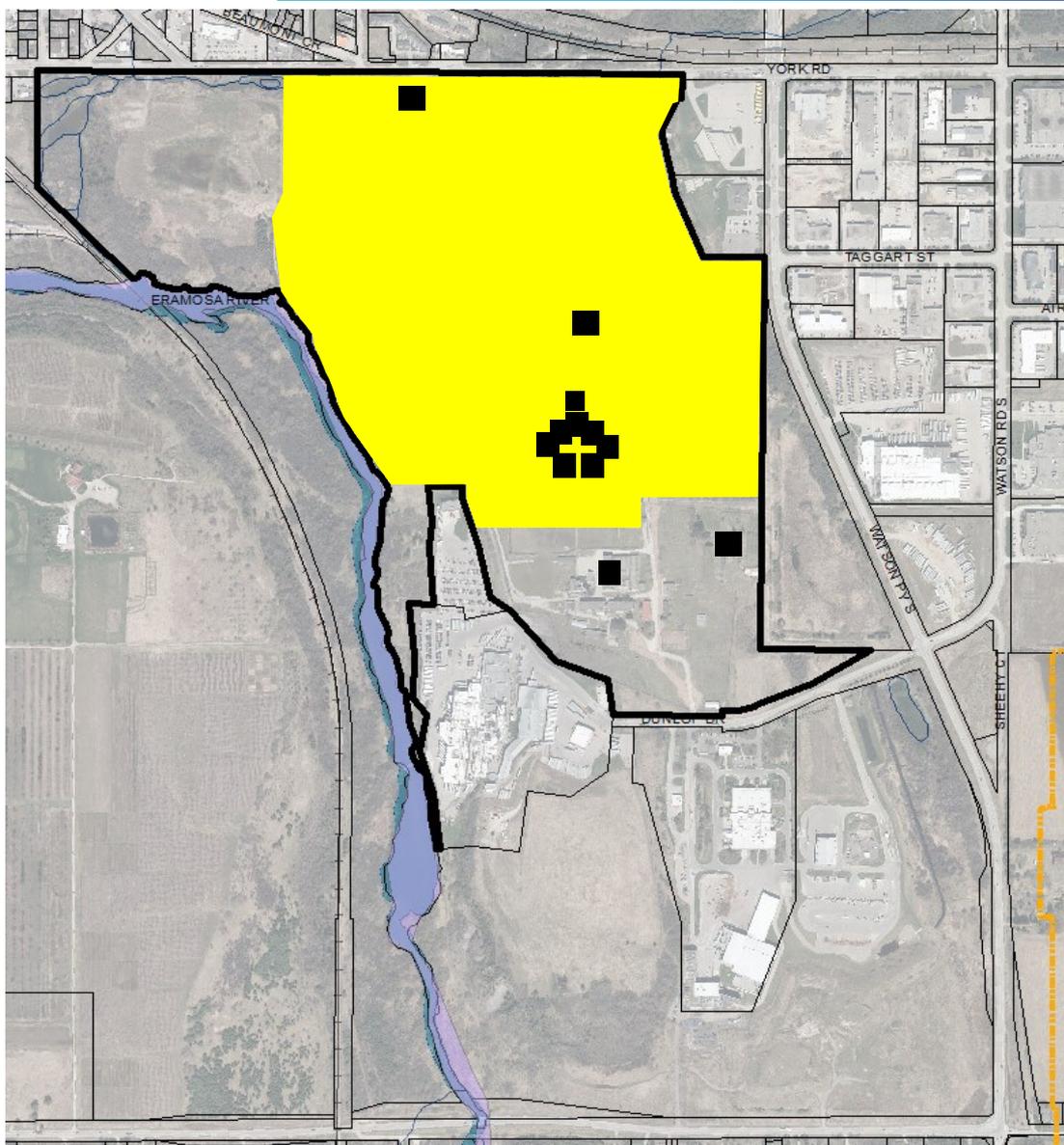
- includes a set of buildings constructed in the 1910s and 1920s for operations, detention, industrial activities and farming
- combines ornamental and working landscapes
- one of Canada's largest and most intact examples of a correctional facility designed for reform
- good example of the work of John M. Lyle, one of Canada's best-known architects, noted for his Beaux-Arts designs

# Heritage Attributes to be Protected

Described in attachment 4 and include:

- Historic buildings
- Organization of property into hierarchy of spaces
- Ornamental grounds, watercourses, ponds, stone walls and gates, terraced gardens, mature trees
- functional qualities of the organization of the detention complex
- Willowbank Hall and the former Superintendent's Residence
- Identified interior heritage attributes

# Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscape



Buildings to be protected identified #1 to #12 in Attachment 4

# Heritage Attributes



Administration Building



C dormitory and C cells; tower and main corridor; Administration Building

# Heritage Attributes (continued)



Willowbank Hall and main entrance bridge; Superintendent's House

# Municipal Heritage Register

## Recommendations for listing

785 York Road:

- Chapel Building; Service Tunnel; Powerhouse and Chimney Stack; Wood Kiln Building; Planing Mill and Stores; Woolen Mill Building

Other:

- Reformatory Quarry (110 Dunlop Drive)
- Railway trestle bridge
- G. M. Frost Centre (328 Victoria Rd. S)

# Recommendations

- That the City Clerk be authorized to publish and serve notice of intention to designate 785 York Road pursuant to section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act
- That a conservation easement agreement be entered into with future property owner(s)
- That the buildings identified in attachment 7 located at 785 York Road be listed on the Municipal Heritage Register
- That the Quarry, Trestle Bridge and G.M. Frost Centre be listed on the Municipal Heritage Register