

The Corporation of the City of Guelph

By-law Number (2026) - 21187

A by-law to designate the Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District and to adopt the Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Plan dated November 2025 under subsection 41 the Ontario Heritage Act.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, or portions thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Official Plan for the City of Guelph contains policies relating to the establishment of heritage conservation districts.

The area outlined by the heavy lines shown on the map attached as Schedule 1 and comprising the properties listed in Schedule 2 to this by-law is designated as a heritage conservation district, to be known as the Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District;

AND WHEREAS the Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Plan meets the requirements of subsections 41.1 (5) and (5.1) of the Act, regarding the contents of a heritage conservation district plan;

AND WHEREAS the requirements of subsection 41.1 (6) of the Act regarding consultation have been met including information relating to the proposed Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Plan, including a copy of the proposed Plan being made available to the public September 18, 2025, at least one public meeting being held with respect to the proposed Plan on October 15, 2025, and City of Guelph Heritage Advisory Committee being consulted with respect to the proposed plan at their meetings on February 20, 2025, September 4, 2025 and December 4, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the requirements of subsections 41.1 (7) (8) and (9) of the Act have been met regarding notice of public meeting with the City Clerk having given notice of a public meeting to discuss the proposed Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Plan, the public meeting having taken place at least 20 days after the said notice was given and any person attending the public meeting having been given an opportunity to make oral representations with respect to the Plan;

AND WHEREAS the requirements of section 41 (8) Act have been met with Council having ensured that information was provided to persons attending the public meeting explaining that, in accordance with section 41.1 (10) of the Act, a person who did not raise objections to the adoption of the proposed Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Plan by making oral representations under section 41 (9) of the Act or written submissions under section 41.1 (11) of the Act may later be denied an opportunity to appeal the passing of this by-law adopting the Plan under section 41 (1) of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the requirements of subsection 41.1 (11) of the Act have been met by Council considering any written submissions with respect to the proposed Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Plan before this by-law adopting the Plan was made;

AND WHEREAS the requirements of subsection 41.1 (12) of the Act have been met by Heritage Planning staff making them available online and providing copies of the proposed Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Plan to any person upon request

AND WHEREAS no notice of appeal to the said district designation was served upon the clerk of the municipality;

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Guelph enacts as follows:

1. The area shown on Schedule 1 attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as a Heritage Conservation District.
2. The Plan set out in Schedule 3 attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby adopted as the Heritage Conservation District Plan and Guidelines for the Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District.
3. This by-law shall come into force in accordance with section 41 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, either the day following the last day of the prescribed appeal period or as otherwise provided by section 41 (10) of the Act.

Passed this Twentieth Day of JANUARY 2026.

Schedules:

Schedule 1: Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Boundary

Schedule 2: List of included Properties (Primary Addresses only)

Schedule 3: Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Plan

Cam Guthrie, Mayor

Dylan McMahon, City Clerk