

City of Mississauga  
**Corporate Report**



<p>Date: January 30, 2024</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of Heritage Advisory Committee</p> <p>From: Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
	<p>Meeting date: March 5, 2024</p>

## Subject

**Proposed Heritage Designation of 1375 Blundell Road (Ward 1)**

## Recommendation

That the property at 1375 Blundell Road (Ward 1) be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its physical, design, historical, associative and contextual value and that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## Executive Summary

- Architects Smith and Wright designed the early twentieth century building on the subject property as Dixie School
- It is designed in the Romanesque Revival Style and was built in 1921
- The property merits designation under the Ontario Heritage Act

## Background

As per the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada journal, architects Charles Wellington Smith (1878-1973) and Percival Ross Wright (1879-1949) designed the former Dixie School at the subject property. The Romanesque Revival building was erected in 1921 and served as a school until 1960. (A location map, photos and a research report are attached as Appendices 1 thru 3 respectively.)

## Comments

To merit designation under the Ontario Heritage Act, a property must meet the criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, i.e. it must have physical, design, historical, associative, and/or contextual value, per Ontario Regulation 9/06 (Appendix 4).

The property has physical and design value as a rare example of Romanesque Revival architecture in Mississauga. It is also a rare surviving early twentieth century school in Mississauga. It has historical and associative value because it has direct association with Dixie School, which is significant to Mississauga as Dixie is one its founding villages. The building also yields information that speaks to the growth of the Dixie community in the early twentieth century. Finally, it has contextual value as it is historically linked to its surroundings. The designation statement is attached as Appendix 5.

## Strategic Plan

Heritage designation helps meet the City's strategic goal of celebrating our community ("Connect" pillar).

## Financial Impact

There is no financial impact resulting from the recommendation in this report.

## Conclusion

1375 Blundell Road meets the criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, per Regulation 9/06. As such, the subject property merits designation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

## Attachments

Appendix 1: Location Map

Appendix 2: Photos

Appendix 3: Research Report

Appendix 4: Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value and Interest

Appendix 5: Proposed Designation Statement



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