

Notice of Intention to Designate Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18

27 CUMBERLAND STREET SOUTH, TOWN PLOT E CUMBERLAND PT LOTS 2 AND 3 AND RP 55R5821 PARTS 1 AND 2, THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO

Description of Property

The property at 27 Cumberland Street South comprises a three-storey masonry building that was constructed between 1913 and 1914 to serve as the Port Arthur branch of The Molsons Bank. The former bank is located at the northeast intersection of Cumberland Street South and Park Avenue, within the Downtown Waterfront District, in the former community of Port Arthur, now the City of Thunder Bay.

Summary Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 27 Cumberland Street South in the City of Thunder Bay has design value as a rare example of a three-storey bank constructed between 1913 and 1914 in the style of Edwardian Classicism. The property also has design value as it displays a high degree of artistic merit shown through its quality design features, which are linked to the architect's goal of projecting stability and prosperity. Additionally, the property has significant historical associative value for its direct association with Port Arthur's early banking history since this building was constructed to serve as the local branch of The Molsons Bank. The property also has historical associative value as it reflects the work of Turner & Carless, Montreal-based architects responsible for designing this bank and others across Ontario and Quebec. Lastly, the property retains contextual value as a landmark within one of Thunder Bay's oldest commercial corridors. The architectural quality, scale, and prominent location of this former bank at the intersection of Cumberland Street South and Park Avenue continues to define, maintain, and support the historical commercial character of the streetscape.

A copy of the designation report, including a full statement of its cultural heritage value and heritage attributes, is available in the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 500 Donald Street East, in the City of Thunder Bay, from Monday to Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, or by email at cityclerk@thunderbay.ca.

Written Notice of Objection

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice, may serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Donald Street East, P.O. Box 800, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5K4.

DATED at the City of Thunder Bay this 23rd day of May, 2026.

Jeff Walters, Manager – Legislative Services & Deputy City Clerk