

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

277 CAMELOT STREET, TOWN PLOT RESERVE B, PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING, THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO

Description of Property

The property at 277 Camelot Street comprises a three-storey building that was constructed between 1923 and 1924 to serve as the Thunder Bay District Courthouse. The property is located on the west side of Camelot Street, between Algoma Street North and Court Street North, within the Downtown Waterfront District of the former community of Port Arthur, now the City of Thunder Bay. The former courthouse is set back from Camelot Street on an elevated site.

Summary Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Heritage Attributes

The property at 277 Camelot Street has design value as a representative example of a three-storey early 20th century building designed in the style of Beaux-Arts Classicism. Distinguished by its symmetrical façade, monumental frontispiece with Corinthian columns, pediment, and main entrance pilasters, along with the integrity of its interior features such as the Hall of Justice, the building also has design value since it demonstrates a high degree of artistic merit. The property also has historical value as the former Thunder Bay District Courthouse as well as historical associative value since the design of the former courthouse reflects the work of Francis Riley Heakes, Chief Architect of the Ontario Department of Public Works, together with supervising architects R.B. Chandler and A.E. Angus. Lastly, the property has contextual value as it defines and supports the institutional character of the area as part of the former government plot. Its elevated siting atop the Court Street ridge visually links the courthouse to its surroundings, overlooking Lake Superior and the Sleeping Giant land formation, which reinforces its prominence and visibility. This, in conjunction with its continued presence for well over a century, makes the property a landmark in the City of Thunder Bay.

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 on this 23rd day of May, 2026.

Jeff Walters, Manager – Legislative Services & Deputy City Clerk