



City of Hamilton

HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE REVISED

Meeting #: 18-007
Date: July 19, 2018
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Room 264, 2nd Floor, City Hall
71 Main Street West

Loren Kolar, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 2604

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with *)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 June 21, 2018

4. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *4.1 Doug Caldwell, Chair of Church Council, Stoney Creek United Church, respecting Item 5.1, Inventory & Research Working Group Notes, January 22, 2018 and the Stoney Creek United Church.
- *4.2 Wayne D. Johnson, Stoney Creek United Church, respecting Item 5.1, Inventory & Research Working Group Notes, January 22, 2018 and the Stoney Creek United Church.
- *4.3 Reverend R. Mark Winger, Stoney Creek United Church, respecting Item 5.1, Inventory & Research Working Group Notes, January 22, 2018 and the Stoney Creek United Church.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

- 5.1 Inventory and Research Working Group Meeting Notes - January 22, 2018
- *5.2 Inventory & Research Working Group Meeting Notes - April 23, 2018

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS**7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

7.1 Notice of Intention to Demolish the Building at 154 Main Street East, Hamilton (PED18157) (Ward 2)

7.2 Notice of Intention to Demolish Metal Accessory Structure at 64 Hatt Street, Dundas (PED18166) (Ward 13)

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18167) (Ward 3)

*8.2 Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Terms of Reference Review (from the June 21, 2018 meeting)

9. MOTIONS**10. NOTICES OF MOTION****11. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

11.1 Buildings and Landscapes

11.1.a Endangered Buildings and Landscapes (RED)

Red = Properties where there is a perceived immediate threat to heritage resources through: demolition; neglect; vacancy; alterations, and/or, redevelopment)

(i) Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – A. Johnson

(ii) Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster (R) – M. McGaw

(iii) Andrew Sloss House, 372 Butter Road West, Ancaster (D) – M. McGaw

(iv) Century Manor, 100 West 5th Street, Hamilton (D) – K. Garay

(v) Beach Canal Lighthouse (D) – J. Partridge

(vi) 18-22 King Street East, Hamilton (R)(NOI) – K. Stacey

(vii) 24-28 King Street East, Hamilton (R)(NOI) – K. Stacey

(viii) 1 St. James Place, Hamilton (D) – K. Stacey

(ix) 2 Hatt Street, Dundas – K. Stacey

(x) James Street Baptist Church, 96 James Street South, Hamilton (D) –A. Denham-Robinson

11.1.b Buildings and Landscapes of Interest (YELLOW)

(Yellow = Properties that are undergoing some type of change, such as a change in ownership or use, but are not perceived as being immediately threatened)

- (i) Delta High School, 1284 Main Street East, Hamilton (D) – D. Beland
- (ii) St. Giles United Church, 85 Holton Avenue South (L) – D. Beland
- (iii) 2251 Rymal Road East, Stoney Creek (R) – C. Dimitry
- (iv) Former Valley City Manufacturing, 64 Hatt Street, Dundas – K. Stacey
- (v) St. Joseph's Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Avenue, Dundas - K. Stacey
- (vi) Copley Building, 104 King Street West; 56 York Blvd., and 63-76 MacNab Street North – G. Carroll
- (vii) 1021 Garner Road East, Ancaster (Lampman House) - M. McGaw

11.1.c Heritage Properties Update (GREEN)

(Green = Properties whose status is stable)

- (i) The Royal Connaught Hotel, 112 King Street East, Hamilton (R) – T. Ritchie
- (ii) Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D) – K. Garay
- (iii) Jimmy Thompson Pool, 1099 King Street E., Hamilton (R) – T. Ritchie
- (iv) Treble Hall, 4-12 John Street North, Hamilton (R) – T. Ritchie
- (vi) 104 King Street West, Dundas (Former Post Office) – K. Stacey

11.1.d Heritage Properties Update (BLACK)

(Black = Properties that HMHC have no control over and may be demolished)

- (i) Auchmar Gate House, Claremont Lodge 71 Claremont Drive (R) – K. Garay

11.2 Hamilton Municipal Heritage Recognition Awards Update

*11.3 Correspondence from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change respecting the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee's Response to the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development's Report entitled Preserving Canada's Heritage.

*11.4 Update on 74 George Street, Hamilton

12. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

13. ADJOURNMENT



Hamilton

**HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE
MINUTES 18-006
9:30 a.m.
June 21, 2018
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: Councillors A. Johnson and M. Pearson
A. Denham-Robinson (Chair), W. Arndt, D. Beland, G. Carroll,
M. McGaw, T. Ritchie, K. Stacey and T. Wallis

**Absent with
Regrets:** K. Garay and R. Sinclair

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR
CONSIDERATION:**

1. **Recommendation to Include the Property Located at 828 Sanatorium Road, Hamilton, in the Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (PED18142) (Ward 8) (Item 7.1)**

(Pearson/Wallis)

That the property located at 828 Sanatorium Road, Hamilton (Long & Bisby Building), as shown in Appendix "A" to PED18142, be included in the City's Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest under Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

- (a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk advised the Committee of the following changes:

1. **ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- 4.1 Rev. Ian Sloan, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3)
- 4.2 Dixon Challoner, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St.

Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3)

- 4.3 Daniel Peace, New Vision United Church, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3)

(Pearson/Ritchie)

That Item 7.2, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153), be moved up in the agenda to immediately follow Delegation Requests.

CARRIED

(A. Johnson/Pearson)

That the Agenda for the June 21, 2018 Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) May 10, 2018 (Item 3.1)

(Arndt/McGaw)

That the Minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- (i) Rev. Ian Sloan, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3) (Added Item 4.1)**

(Ritchie/Arndt)

That the delegation request from Rev. Ian Sloan, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3), be approved, for today's meeting).

CARRIED

- (ii) **Dixon Challoner, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3) (Added Item 4.2)**

(Ritchie/Arndt)

That the delegation request from Dixon Challoner, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3), be approved, for today's meeting).

CARRIED

- (iii) **Daniel Peace, New Vision United Church, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3) (Added Item 4.3)**

(Ritchie/Arndt)

That the delegation request from Daniel Peace, New Vision United Church, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3), be approved, for today's meeting).

CARRIED

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

- (i) **Rev. Ian Sloan, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3) (Added Item 6.1)**

Reverend Ian Sloan, addressed the Committee respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3).

(McGaw/Wallis)

That the delegation from Rev. Ian Sloan, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3), be received.

CARRIED

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item (f)(ii)

- (ii) **Dixon Challoner, member of the New Vision United Church, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3) (Added Item 6.2)**

Dixon Challoner, member of the New Vision United Church, addressed the Committee respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record, and can be viewed at www.hamilton.ca.

(McGaw/Wallis)

That the delegation from Dixon Challoner, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3), be received.

CARRIED

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item (f)(ii)

- (iii) **Daniel Peace, New Vision United Church, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3) (Added Item 6.3)**

Daniel Peace, of the New Vision United Church, addressed the Committee respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3).

(McGaw/Wallis)

That the delegation from Daniel Peace, of the New Vision United Church, respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3), be received.

CARRIED

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item (f)(ii)

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) **Recommendation to Include the Property Located at 828 Sanatorium Road, Hamilton, in the Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (PED18142) (Ward 8). (Item 7.1)**

Jeremy Parsons, Cultural Heritage Planner, addressed Committee respecting the Recommendation to Include the Property Located at 828 Sanatorium Road, Hamilton, in the Register of Property of Cultural Heritage

Value or Interest (PED18142) (Ward 8), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record.

(McGaw/Wallis)

That the presentation respecting the Recommendation to Include the Property Located at 828 Sanatorium Road, Hamilton, in the Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (PED18142) (Ward 8), be received.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(ii) Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3) (Item 7.2)

Chelsey Tyers, Cultural Heritage Planner, addressed Committee respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record.

(A. Johnson/Arndt)

That the presentation respecting the Recommendation to Designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (Former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED18153) (Ward 3), be received.

CARRIED

The following recommendation was proposed for consideration at the June 27, 2018 Council meeting.

(Ritchie/Arndt)

- (a) That the designation of 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (former St. Giles United Church), shown in Appendix "A" to Report PED18153, as a property of cultural heritage value pursuant to the provisions of Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, be approved;
- (b) That the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED18153, be approved; and,

- (c) That the City Clerk be directed to take appropriate action to designate 679 Main Street East and 85 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton (former St. Giles United Church) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, in accordance with the Notice of Intention to Designate, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED18153.

CARRIED

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

- (i) Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Terms of Reference Review (Item 8.1)**

(Beland/McGaw)

That the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Terms of Reference Review be DEFERRED to the next meeting to allow the Committee members to give thought to possible changes to the Terms of Reference document.

CARRIED

(f) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

- (i) Verbal Updates respecting the Around the Bay Race: Restoration of Historic Route Markers (deferred from the May 10, 2018 meeting) (Item 11.1)**

Jeremy Parsons, Cultural Heritage Planner addressed the Committee respecting the Around the Bay Race: Restoration of Historic Route Markers that have been discovered, and are to be restored.

(Wallis/Beland)

That the Verbal Updates respecting the Around the Bay Race: Restoration of Historic Route Markers, be received.

CARRIED

- (ii) Buildings and Landscapes (Item 11.2)**

(Ritchie/Dmitry)

That the following updates be received:

- (a) Endangered Buildings and Landscapes (RED):
(Red = Properties where there is a perceived immediate threat to heritage resources through: demolition; neglect; vacancy; alterations, and/or, redevelopment)**

- (i) Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – A. Johnson

No report.

- (ii) Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster (R) – M. McGaw

No report

- (iii) Andrew Sloss House, 372 Butter Road West, Ancaster (D) – M. McGaw

No report.

- (iv) Century Manor, 100 West 5th Street, Hamilton (D) – K. Garay

No report

- (v) Beach Canal Lighthouse (D) – J. Partridge

J. Partridge advised the Committee that she attended a presentation by the Hamilton Port Authority where they expressed an interest in the restoration and development of the lands surrounding the Beach Canal Lighthouse. The Councillor will be meeting with the CEO of the Hamilton Port Authority to discuss this issue.

- (vi) 18-22 King Street East, Hamilton (R)(NOI) – K. Stacey

No report.

- (vii) 24-28 King Street East, Hamilton (R)(NOI) – K. Stacey

No report.

- (viii) 1 St. James Place, Hamilton (D) – K. Stacey

Staff advise that the consideration of the demolition permit for 1 St. James Place, Hamilton is in deferment at the Ontario Municipal Board.

- (ix) 2 Hatt Street, Dundas – K. Stacey

No report.

- (x) James Street Baptist Church, 98 James Street South, Hamilton (D) – A. Denham-Robinson

Staff advise that a site plan application has not been received from the new owners of the property at 98 James Street South, Hamilton.

(b) Buildings and Landscapes of Interest (YELLOW):
(Yellow = Properties that are undergoing some type of change, such as a change in ownership or use, but are not perceived as being immediately threatened)

- (i) Delta High School, 1284 Main Street East, Hamilton (D) – D. Beland

No report.

- (ii) St. Giles United Church, 85 Holton Avenue South (L) – D. Beland

No report.

- (iii) 2251 Rymal Road East, Stoney Creek (R) – C. Dimitry

No report.

- (iv) Former Valley City Manufacturing, 64 Hatt Street, Dundas – K. Stacey

No report.

- (v) St. Joseph's Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Avenue, Dundas - K. Stacey

No report.

- (vi) Copley Building, 104 King Street West; 56 York Blvd., and 63-76 MacNab Street North – G. Carroll

G. Carroll advised the Committee that the roof of the west side building is currently being repaired. Staff advise that the Notice of Intention to Designate stays with the property, and not with the owners of the property at 104 King Street West; 56 York Blvd., and 63-76 MacNab Street North.

- (vii) 1021 Garner Road East, Ancaster (Lampman House) – M. McGaw

No report.

(c) Heritage Properties Update (GREEN):
(Green = Properties whose status is stable)

- (i) The Royal Connaught Hotel, 112 King Street East, Hamilton (R) – T. Ritchie

M. Pearson advised the Committee she continues to discuss the possible designation with the owner of the property at 112 King Street East, Hamilton.

- (ii) Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D) – K. Garay

No report.

- (iii) Jimmy Thompson Pool, 1099 King Street E., Hamilton (R) – T. Ritchie

No report.

- (iv) Treble Hall, 4-12 John Street North, Hamilton (R) – T. Ritchie

No report.

- (v) 104 King Street West, Dundas (Former Post Office) – K. Stacey

No report.

**(d) Heritage Properties Update (black):
(Black = Properties that HMHC have no control over and may be demolished)**

- (i) Auchmar Gate House, Claremont Lodge 71 Claremont Drive (R) – K. Garay

No report.

CARRIED

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

(Wallis/Pearson)

That, there being no further business, the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee, be adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Alissa Denham-Robinson, Chair
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 12:21 p.m.

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Advisory/Sub-Committee

Name of Sub-Committee:

Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Doug Caldwell, Chair of Church Council

Name of Organization: Stoney Creek United Church

Contact Number: 

Email Address: [n/a](#)

Mailing Address:

1 King St W, Stoney Creek, ON L8G 1G7

Reason(s) for delegation request:

To speak to an item in the Inventory & Research Working Group Notes of January 21, 2018 (Item 5.1, on the agenda) respecting Stoney Creek United Church.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Thursday, July 12, 2018 - 2:47 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Advisory/Sub-Committee

Name of Sub-Committee: Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Wayne D Johnson

Name of Organization: Stoney Creek United Church

Contact Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address:

[REDACTED]

Reason(s) for delegation request:

To provide the Hamilton Heritage Council Committee with information about the church in regard to the committees looking at a Heritage designation for the church building on Thursday July 19 at 9.30 a.m .

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Sunday, July 15, 2018 - 10:09 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Advisory/Sub-Committee**Name of Sub-Committee:** Municipal Heritage Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: The Reverend R Mark Winger**Name of Organization:** Stoney Creek United Church**Contact Number:** [REDACTED]**Email Address:** [REDACTED]**Mailing Address:**Stoney Creek United Church
1 King Street West, Stoney Creek ON
L8G 1G7**Reason(s) for delegation request:** To speak to the recommendation that Stoney Creek United Church be added to the list of properties of cultural and heritage value within the city of Hamilton.**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes

5.1

MEETING NOTES INVENTORY AND RESEARCH WORKING GROUP

Monday, January 22, 2018

6:00 pm

Hamilton City Hall, Room 222

Attendees: Wilf Arndt, Alissa Denham Robinson, Ann Gillespie, Pamela Grelecki, Brian Kowalewicz, Ron Sinclair, Kathy Wakeman, Terri Wallis

Regrets: Leanne Pluthero,

Guest Speaker: Alissa Golden

Staff in attendance: Chelsey Tyers

THE INVENTORY AND RESEARCH WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING TO THE HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE:

- 1. Based on the presentation by Kathy Wakeman (Old Town Stoney Creek Community Association), and supporting documentation, the Inventory/Research Working Group recommends that Stoney Creek United Church be added to the City of Hamilton Register of properties of cultural and heritage value and/or interest and that Staff complete a preliminary screening to add the property to the work plan as a candidate for designation.**
 - 2. Based on the presentation by Kathy Wakeman (Old Town Stoney Creek Community Association), and supporting documentation, the Inventory/Research Working Group recommends that the Powerhouse, Stoney Creek Ontario, be added to the City Register of properties of cultural and heritage value and/or interest, and that Staff complete a preliminary screening to add the property to the work plan as a candidate for designation.**
-

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:**(a) INTRODUCTIONS**

Robert Pinchin was introduced as a guest who is interest in becoming a member of the IRWG

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -- none.**(c) APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES**

The **November 27, 2017** Meeting Notes of the Inventory and Research Working Group were accepted.

(d) Alissa Golden provided a walk through of the Places of Education Inventory Tracking Table (distributed to all members). Feedback was provided by IRWG members. The Tracking Table is now in use for information collected on schools in Wards 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. As the project continues, the information will be added to the Tracking Table as part of the process.

(e) The Cultural Heritage Assessment for Cathedral Boys' School, 378 Main Street East, Hamilton was reviewed and working group was supportive of the designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

(f) A discussion of the Cultural Heritage Assessment for Grace Anglican Church was deferred and will be added to our agenda for the February meeting.

(g) The final draft of the Accessibility Checklist was approved and will become part of the data collected for each of Place of Education which remains in use as a school or public building.

(h) Kathy Wakeman led a discussion of regarding her recommendation to add the Ballard School and Stoney Creek Tree to the City Register of properties of cultural and heritage value and/or interest. Supporting documentation required.

**INVENTORY AND RESEARCH WORKING GROUP
MEETING NOTES**

January 22, 2018

Page 3 of 3

- (i) The Chair reported on behalf of Jeremy Parsons that Places of Education materials for Wards 14 & 15 had been forwarded to the appropriate departments regarding formatting and compliance with City standards. A further update will be provided at our next meeting.

- (j) **NEXT MEETING -- Monday, February 26th, 2018, 6pm Room 222 City Hall**

- (k) **ADJOURN** --- meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

Ron Sinclair

Chair

MEETING NOTES
INVENTORY AND RESEARCH WORKING GROUP

Monday, April 23, 2018

6:00 pm

Hamilton City Hall, Room 222

Attendees: Alissa Denham Robinson, Graham Carroll, Brian Kowalewicz, Ron Sinclair, Kathy Wakeman,

Regrets: Wilf Arndt, Ann Gillespie, Pamela Grelecki, Terri Wallis

Staff in attendance: Jeremy Parsons

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -- none.

(b) APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

The **March 26th, 2018** Meeting Notes of the Inventory and Research Working Group were accepted.

(c) Leanne Pluthero has missed 5 meetings and does not respond to email messages. Consequently, we consider her to have resigned from the I/RWG

(d) The group was advised that the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Awards evening will take place on June 21, 2018 in Waterdown. All Working Group members are welcome to attend.

(e) With the approach of summer and a municipal election in the fall, we are reminded that our priority is to consider all requests to designate or add properties to the City Register. Any recommendations forthcoming from us should use the recently introduced Preliminary Worksheets. At the present time there is one property, 1320 Woodburn Road, which is being researched.

**INVENTORY AND RESEARCH WORKING GROUP
MEETING NOTES****April 23, 2018
Page 2 of 3**

- (f) We discussed the Places of Education Project from the perspective of what could reasonably be accomplished prior to the end of this Council's term of office. Our conclusion was that priority should be updating the database as a record of the research and information collected. An introduction to the Places of Education Project should also be drafted and agreed to by the I/RWG.
- (g) The May 28, 2018 meeting is cancelled due to the absence of the Chair
- (h) **NEXT MEETING will be on -- Monday, June 25, 2018, 6pm
Room 222 City Hall**
- (j) **ADJOURN** --- meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

Ron Sinclair
Chair



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Planning Division

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	July 19, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Notice of Intention to Demolish the Building at 154 Main Street East, Hamilton (PED18157) (Ward 2)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 2
PREPARED BY:	Chelsey Tyers (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1202 Asiya Patel (905) 546-2424 Ext. 7163
SUBMITTED BY:	Steve Robichaud Director, Planning and Chief Planner Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

That 154 Main Street East, Hamilton, be removed from the Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The subject property known municipally as 154 Main Street East, is located at the intersection of Main Street East (to the north) and Walnut Street Street (to the west) (see Appendix "A" to Report PED18157).

The property was added to the Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (the Register) by Council on September 16, 2014. Inclusion of non-designated property in the Register, established under Subsection 27 (1.2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, requires that Council be given 60 days notice in writing of the intention to demolish or remove any building or structure on the property, and the demolition and removal of a building or structure is prohibited during this time period. Inclusion of a property on the Register does not automatically indicate a property should be designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Rather, the intent is to provide Council with an opportunity to consider if the property should be designated to prevent the demolition of the building and to issue the Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID) if designation is deemed appropriate or to discuss other options with the proponent.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

**SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Demolish the Building at 154 Main Street East,
Hamilton (PED18157) (Ward 2) - Page 2 of 6**

A Formal Consultation Application (FC-17-019), Zoning By-law Amendment Application (ZAR-17-074), and Preliminary Site Plan Review Application (PSR-18-009) were submitted for the subject property. The applicant proposes to replace the existing commercial office and parking lot in order to establish a mixed use development, consisting of a 25 storey building with a seven storey podium, 432 sq m of commercial gross floor area and 267 multiple dwelling units. Staff required a Documentation and Salvage Report in order to receive thorough documentation prior to the demolition of the building. A Documentation and Salvage Report has not been submitted to date. The Building Code does not allow municipalities to place conditions on demolition permits and as such, the City is unable to require this report prior to demolition.

On May 4, 2018, the property owner submitted a Notice of Intention to Demolish the building on the subject property. The 60 days' notice expired on July 3, 2018. Staff have researched the building and are recommending that the building should be removed from the Register as it does not meet the criteria for designation.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 6

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: N/A

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The building on the subject property called the Mainway Building, also known municipally as 154 Main Street East, is a two storey stucco-clad commercial building that was constructed in the 1920s (see “Appendix C” to Report PED18157). The building is irregularly shaped with an angled front façade to the northwest, a flat roof, and a two storey concrete block addition to the east that projects out from the original building. The building is composed of flat windows on the first and second storeys, and a parged foundation with windows. The main entrance is located in the angled front façade and is accessed via a walkway in a raised landscaped front lawn.

The Mainway Building's original yellow-brick façade, brick pilasters and horizontal courses have been clad with stucco and the triple windows with shared stone sills have been removed. In the early 1920s, a Consumers Gasoline Service Station was located on the subject property, listed as 31 Walnut Street South. The service station was taken over by Imperial Oil Limited shortly after, who built an office directly south of the station in the mid 1920s. In 1947, the service station was still in place but the two storey brick building to the south housed government offices. By 1964, the service

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Demolish the Building at 154 Main Street East, Hamilton (PED18157) (Ward 2) - Page 3 of 6

station had been removed and the entire building, referred to as the Matthew Building, contained offices. In the 1970s, the building served as the offices of the Society of Industrial Accountants of Canada, which was identified by a sign and crest above the main entrance.

The Mainway Building was added to the Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (the Register) by Council on September 16, 2014. Inclusion of non-designated property in the Register, established under Subsection 27 (1.2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, requires that Council be given 60 days' notice in writing of the intention to demolish or remove any building or structure on the property, and the demolition and removal of a building or structure is prohibited during this time period. Inclusion of a property on the Register does not automatically indicate a property should be designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Rather, the intent is to provide Council with an opportunity to consider if the property should be designated to prevent the demolition of the building and to issue the Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID) if designation is deemed appropriate or to discuss other options with the proponent.

On May 4, 2018, the property owner submitted a Notice of Intention to Demolish the building on the subject property. The 60 days' notice expired on July 3, 2018.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Provincial Policy Statement:

Section 2.6 of the Provincial Policy Statement pertains to Cultural Heritage and Archaeology. Sub-section 2.6.1 states that "significant built heritage resources and significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved".

Urban Hamilton Official Plan:

Volume 1, Section B.3.4 - Cultural Heritage Resources Policies of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan (UHOP) states that the City shall "protect and conserve the tangible cultural heritage resources of the City, including archaeological resources, built heritage resources, and cultural heritage landscapes" (B.3.4.2.1(a)), "identify cultural heritage resources through a continuing process of inventory, survey, and evaluation, as a basis for the wise management of these resources" (B.3.4.2.1(b)) and "ensure the conservation and protection of *cultural heritage resources* in planning and development matters subject to the *Planning Act* either through appropriate planning and design measures or as conditions of development approvals" (B.3.4.2.1(g)). The policies also provide that the "City may, by By-law, designate individual and groups of properties of cultural heritage value under Parts IV and V, respectively, of the *Ontario Heritage Act*" (B.3.4.2.3).

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

**SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Demolish the Building at 154 Main Street East,
Hamilton (PED18157) (Ward 2) - Page 4 of 6**

Downtown Hamilton Secondary Plan

Volume 2, Section 6.1 of the Downtown Hamilton Secondary Plan of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan (UHOP) provides direction with respect to the management of heritage resources. The Secondary Plan that is in effect states that the City of Hamilton “shall promote the conservation of significant *built heritage resources* and *cultural heritage landscapes* in accordance with Section B.3.4 – Cultural Heritage Resources Policies of Volume 1”.

The recommendation of this Report complies with these policies.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

A Formal Consultation Application (FC-17-019), Zoning By-law Amendment Application (ZAR-17-074), and a Preliminary Site Plan Review Application (PSR-18-009) were submitted for the subject property. The applicant proposes to replace the existing commercial office and parking lot in order to establish a mixed use development consisting of a 25 storey building with a seven storey podium, 432 sq m of commercial gross floor area and 267 multiple dwelling units. Staff required a Documentation and Salvage Report in order to receive thorough documentation prior to the demolition of the building. A Documentation and Salvage Report has not been submitted to date. The Building Code does not allow municipalities to place conditions on demolition permits and as such, the City is unable to require this report.

Staff have informed the Ward Councillor of the Notice of Intention to Demolish for the subject property. The Ward Councillor has not expressed any concerns as of the writing of this Report.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Staff used the research collected as part of the Downtown Heritage Inventory Review to complete the following evaluation.

Ontario Regulation 9 / 06: Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

Section 29 (1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* permits the Council of a municipality to designate property to be of cultural heritage value or interest where property meets the criteria prescribed by provincial regulation. In 2006, the Province issued Ontario Regulation 9 / 06: Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. According to Sub-section 1 (2) of Ontario Regulation 9 / 06, a property may be designated under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* where it meets one or more of the identified criteria. Ontario Regulation 9 / 06 identifies criteria in three broad

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

**SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Demolish the Building at 154 Main Street East,
Hamilton (PED18157) (Ward 2) - Page 5 of 6**

categories: Design / Physical Value, Historical / Associative Value and Contextual Value (see Appendix “B” to Report PED18157).

1. **Design / Physical Value:**

- i. The building does not appear to be a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.
- ii. The building does not display a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
- iii. The building does not demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

2. **Historical / Associative Value:**

- i. The building is not considered to have direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.

The building was formerly used as government offices circa 1940 to 1970, but the type of government activity is unknown. In the 1970s, the building was occupied by the Society of Industrial Accountants of Canada, however, the Society is not considered to be significant to a community.

- ii. The building is not considered to have the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of a community.
- iii. The building on the property is not attributed to a prominent architect.

3. **Contextual Value:**

- i. The building is not considered important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of the area.
- ii. The building is historically linked with the surrounding original properties, that all developed around the 1920s.
- iii. The building is not considered a landmark.

Conclusion:

While the building is historically linked with its surroundings, staff are of the opinion that the property does not have significant cultural heritage value to warrant immediate

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

**SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Demolish the Building at 154 Main Street East,
Hamilton (PED18157) (Ward 2) - Page 6 of 6**

designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. As such, staff recommends that the property be removed from the Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the designation of property is a discretionary activity on the part of Council. Council, as advised by the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee (HMHC), may consider the alternative to designate the property immediately.

Reject Staff's recommendation

HMHC can advise that Council make designation of the subject property an immediate priority. However, staff are not recommending this option as the building is not considered to be of sufficient cultural heritage value to be identified as a heritage feature or resource. As such, if HMHC recommends this alternative to Council, the City typically retains outside consultants to support the designation of the subject property immediately.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Built Environment and Infrastructure

Hamilton is supported by state of the art infrastructure, transportation options, buildings and public spaces that create a dynamic City.

Culture and Diversity

Hamilton is a thriving, vibrant place for arts, culture, and heritage where diversity and inclusivity are embraced and celebrated.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

- Appendix "A" – Location Map
- Appendix "B" – Ontario Regulation 9 / 06: Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
- Appendix "C" – Photographs

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.



● Site Location



Key Map - Ward 2

N.T.S.



Location Map



Hamilton

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Name/Number:
154 Main St E

Date:
June 20, 2018

Appendix "A"

Scale:
N.T.S.

Planner/Technician:
AP/AL

Subject Property



154 Main Street East



Mainway Building

ONTARIO REGULATION 9 / 06
CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

Criteria

1. (1) The criteria set out in subsection (2) are prescribed for the purposes of clause 29 (1) (a) of the Act. O. Reg. 9 / 06, s. 1 (1).

(2) A property may be designated under section 29 of the Act if it meets one or more of the following criteria for determining whether it is of cultural heritage value or interest:

1. The property has design value or physical value because it,
 - i. is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method,
 - ii. displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit, or
 - iii. demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.
2. The property has historical value or associative value because it,
 - i. has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community,
 - ii. yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture, or
 - iii. demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.
3. The property has contextual value because it,
 - i. is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area,
 - ii. is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, or
 - iii. is a landmark. O. Reg. 9 / 06, s. 1 (2).

Appendix "C" to Report PED18157
Page 1 of 2



Image 1: Historical photograph of the Mainway Building.



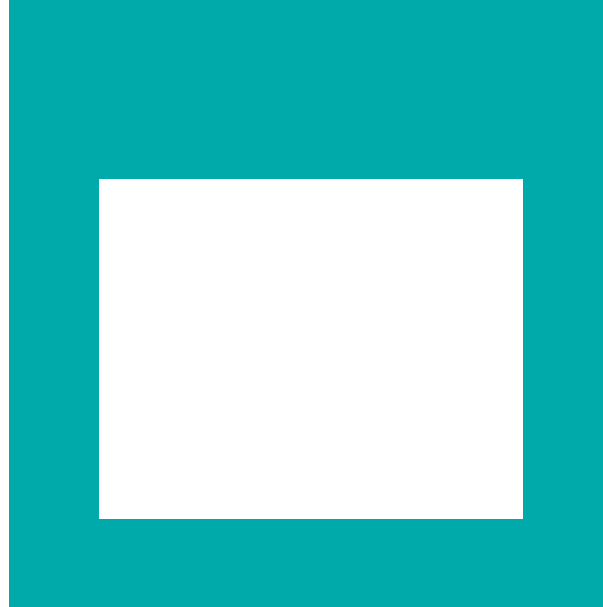
Image 2: View of the northeast façade of the Mainway Building (Google Streetview, 2017).



Image 3: Photograph of the "Mainway Building" sign (2011).



Image 4: Photograph of the yellow brick exposed on the east side of the building (2011).



Notice of Intention to Demolish Building at 154 Main Street East, Hamilton (PED18157)

July 19, 2018

PED18157 – 154 Main Street East, Hamilton

Presented by: Chelsey Tyers








<h1>Location Map</h1>		 Hamilton
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT		
File Name/Number: 154 Main St E		Date: June 20, 2018
Appendix "A"	Scale: N.T.S.	Planner/Technician: AP/AL
Subject Property		
	154 Main Street East	
	Mainway Building	



Image 2: View of the northeast façade of the Mainway Building (2018)



Image 3: View of the northeast façade of the Mainway Building (2018)



Image 4: View of the northwest façade of the Mainway Building (2018)



Image 5: Photograph of the “Mainway Building” sign (2011).



Image 6: Photograph of the yellow brick exposed on the east side of the building (2018).

Preliminary evaluation under Ontario Regulation 9/06

1. Design / Physical Value

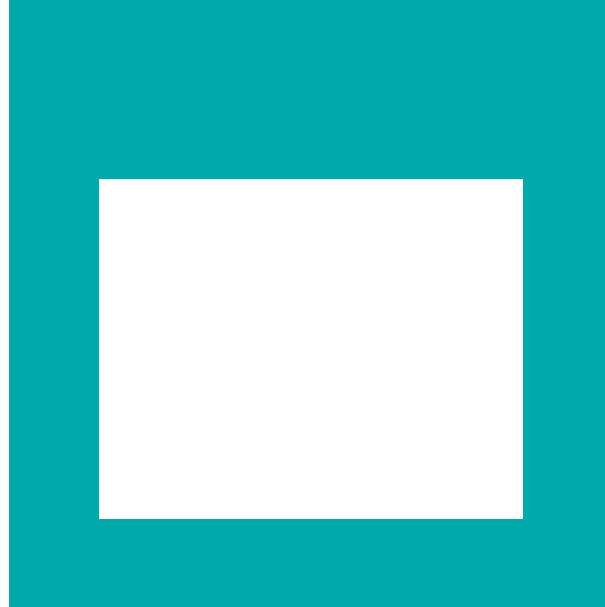
- The building does not appear to be a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.
- The building does not display a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
- The building does not demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

2. Historical / Associative Value

- The building is not considered to have direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.
 - The building was formerly used as government offices circa 1940 to 1970, but the type of government activity is unknown. In the 1970s, the building was occupied by the Society of Industrial Accountants of Canada, however, the Society is not considered to be significant to a community.
- The building is not considered to have the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of a community.
- The building on the property is not attributed to a prominent architect.

3. Contextual Value

- The building is not considered important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of the area.
- The building is historically linked with the surrounding original properties, that all developed around the 1920s.
- The building is not considered a landmark.

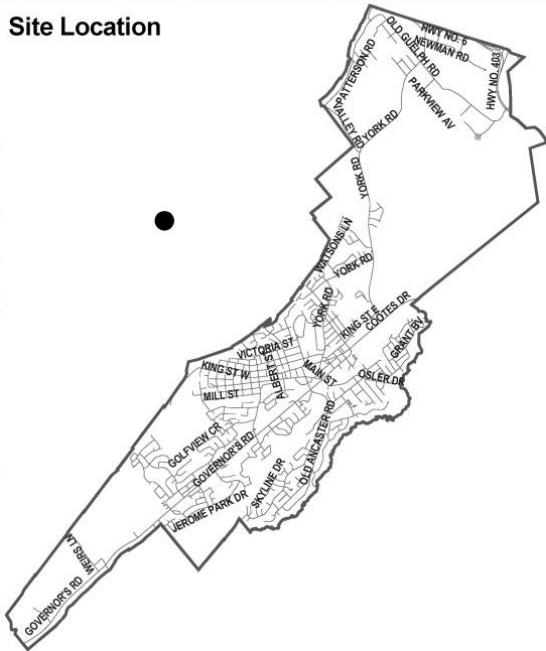


THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

THE CITY OF HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE



● Site Location



Key Map - Ward 13

N.T.S.

Location Map



PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Name/Number:
64 Hatt St

Date:
June 4, 2018

Appendix "A"

Scale:
N.T.S.

Planner/Technician:
AP & JP/AL

Subject Property

- 64 Hatt Street
- Gartshore Building
- Accessory building to be demolished

ONTARIO REGULATION 9 / 06
CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

Criteria

1. (1) The criteria set out in subsection (2) are prescribed for the purposes of clause 29 (1) (a) of the Act. O. Reg. 9 / 06, s. 1 (1).

(2) A property may be designated under section 29 of the Act if it meets one or more of the following criteria for determining whether it is of cultural heritage value or interest:

1. The property has design value or physical value because it,
 - i. is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method,
 - ii. displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit, or
 - iii. demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.
2. The property has historical value or associative value because it,
 - i. has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community,
 - ii. yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture, or
 - iii. demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.
3. The property has contextual value because it,
 - i. is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area,
 - ii. is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, or
 - iii. is a landmark. O. Reg. 9 / 06, s. 1 (2).



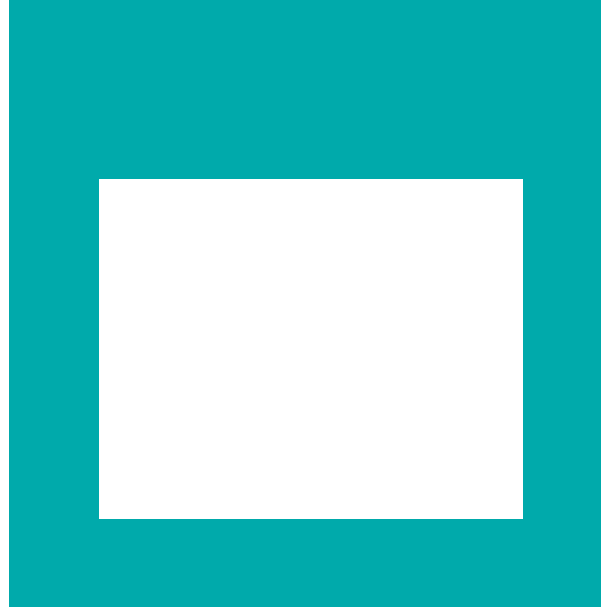
Image 1: View of the metal accessory building that is proposed for demolition (Google Streetview, 2017).



Image 2: View of the metal accessory building in relation to the Gartshore building at 64 Hatt Street in Dundas (Google Streetview, 2017).



Image 3: View of the front façade of the historic Gartshore building at 64 Hatt Street in Dundas (Google Streetview, 2017).



Notice of Intention to Demolish Metal Accessory Structure at 64 Hatt Street, Dundas (PED18166)

July 19, 2018

PED18166 – 64 Hatt Street, Dundas

Presented by: Asiya Patel









<h1>Location Map</h1>		 Hamilton
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT		
File Name/Number: 64 Hatt St		Date: June 4, 2018
Appendix "A"	Scale: N.T.S.	Planner/Technician: AP & JP/AL
Subject Property		
	64 Hatt Street	
	Gartshore Building	
	Accessory building to be demolished	



Image 1: View of the metal accessory building that is proposed for demolition (Google Streetview, 2017).



Image 2: View of the metal accessory building in relation to the Gartshore building at 64 Hatt Street in Dundas (Google Streetview, 2017).



Image 3: View of the front façade of the historic Gartshore building at 64 Hatt Street in Dundas (Google Streetview, 2017).

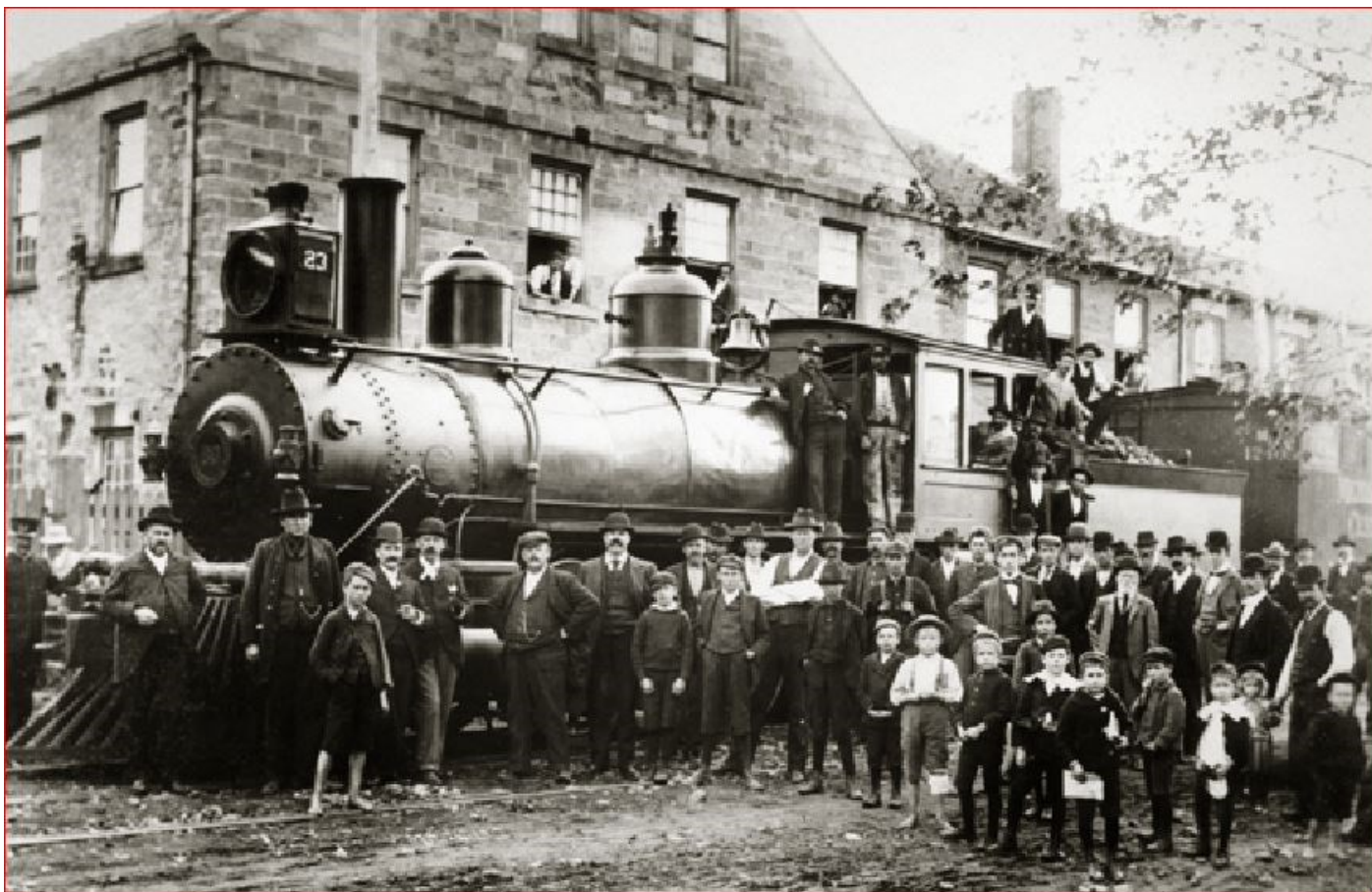


Image 4: Photograph of the Valley City Manufacturing Company workers in front of the Gartshore complex.

Preliminary evaluation under Ontario Regulation 9/06 for the metal accessory building.

1. Design / Physical Value

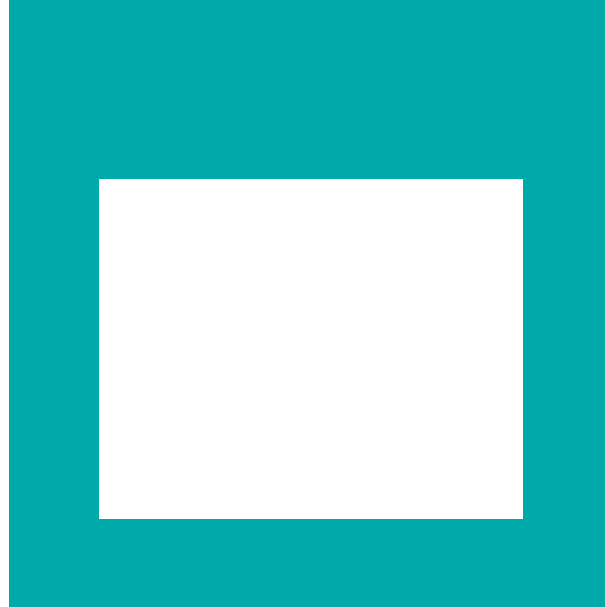
- The accessory structure does not appear to be a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.
- The accessory structure does not display a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
- The accessory structure does not demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

2. Historical / Associative Value

- The accessory structure is not considered to have direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.
- The accessory structure is not considered to have the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of a community.
- The accessory structure on the property is not attributed to a prominent architect.

3. Contextual Value

- The accessory structure is not considered important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of the area.
- While the accessory structure is physically, functionally, and visually linked with the building on the property, the accessory structure is not considered to be physically, functionally, visually and historically linked with the surrounding properties.
- The accessory structure is not considered a landmark.



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

THE CITY OF HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
 Planning Division

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	July 19, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Notice of Intention to Demolish Metal Accessory Structure at 64 Hatt Street, Dundas (PED18166) (Ward 13)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 13
PREPARED BY:	Jeremy Parsons (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1214 Asiya Patel (905) 546-2424 Ext. 7163
SUBMITTED BY:	Steve Robichaud Director, Planning and Chief Planner Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That no action be taken in response to the notice of intention to demolish the metal accessory structure at 64 Hatt Street, Dundas, a property included in the City's Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest;
- (b) That 64 Hatt Street, Dundas remain on the designation work plan for completion of a Cultural Heritage Assessment in 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The subject property known municipally as 64 Hatt Street, is located at the intersection of Hatt Street (to the north), and McMurray Street (to the west) (see Appendix "A" to Report PED18166).

The property was added to the Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (the Register) by Council on June 14, 2017. Inclusion of non-designated property in the Register, established under Subsection 27 (1.2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, requires that Council be given 60 days notice in writing of the intention to demolish or remove any building or structure on the property, and the demolition and removal of a building or structure is prohibited during this time period. Inclusion of a property on the Register does not automatically indicate a property should be designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Rather, the intent is to provide Council with an opportunity to consider if the property should be designated to prevent the demolition of the building

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Demolish Metal Accessory Structure at 64 Hatt Street, Dundas (PED18166) (Ward 13) - Page 2 of 6

and to issue the Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID) if designation is deemed appropriate or to discuss other options with the proponent.

On June 14, 2017, Council added 64 Hatt Street, Dundas to staff's work plan to consider designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

On May 11, 2018, the property owner submitted a Notice of Intention to Demolish the metal clad accessory structure adjacent to the historic Gartshore Building at 64 Hatt Street, Dundas. The 60 days' notice will expire on July 10, 2018.

Staff have researched the accessory structure and are recommending that no action be taken to prevent the demolition of the accessory structure as it does not meet the criteria for designation and has not been identified as having any cultural heritage value. However, while the accessory structure does not have cultural heritage value, the principle building on the subject lands itself continues to possess significant cultural heritage value, and as such, the property should remain on the designation work plan for completion in 2025.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 5

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: N/A

Staffing: N/A

Legal: Continued inclusion in the City's Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest under Section 27 (1.2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* requires that Council be given 60 days' notice of the intention to demolish or remove any building or structure on the property. Council must consult with the Municipal Heritage Committee prior to including a non-designated property in the Register or removing reference to a property from the Register under Section 27 (1.3) of the Act.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The subject metal accessory structure was used for material storage. The structure was built by Thiel Steel Contracting Inc. for Valley City Manufacturing Company in 1988, and is part of the larger Gartshore site (see "Appendix C" to Report PED18166). The site is composed of several buildings that form a solid wall façade along Hatt Street, in addition to the metal accessory structure that faces McMurray Street. The subject accessory structure is detached and separate from the main brick building. It is composed of non-combustible steel material and is approximately 11.1 m by 6.3 m (34.6 ft by 20.5 ft) in size.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Demolish Metal Accessory Structure at 64 Hatt Street, Dundas (PED18166) (Ward 13) - Page 3 of 6

The Gartshore site was originally home to industrial operations believed to have begun on the site between 1836-1838 by prominent Scottish entrepreneur John Gartshore (1810-1873) and partner James Belle Ewart (1801-1853). The extant original stone portion of the main building is believed to have been built in 1846, replacing the earlier construction destroyed by fire. The site is a tangible reminder of the importance of the manufacturing industry to the former Town of Dundas.

The property was added to the Register and to the work plan to be designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* by Council on June 14, 2017. Inclusion of non-designated property in the Register, established under Subsection 27 (1.2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, requires that Council be given 60 days notice in writing of the intention to demolish or remove any building or structure on the property, and the demolition and removal of a building or structure is prohibited during this time period. Inclusion of a property on the Register does not automatically indicate a property should be designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Rather, the intent is to provide Council with an opportunity to consider if the property should be designated to prevent the demolition of the building and to issue the Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID) if designation is deemed appropriate or to discuss other options with the proponent.

On May 11, 2018, the property owner submitted a Notice of Intention to Demolish to the Building Division for the accessory structure located on the west side of 64 Hatt Street, Dundas. The 60 day notice expires on July 10, 2018. Staff are not concerned that the Gartshore Building which contains cultural heritage value will be demolished prior to the scheduled designation in 2025.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Provincial Policy Statement:

Section 2.6 of the Provincial Policy Statement pertains to Cultural Heritage and Archaeology. Sub-section 2.6.1 states that “significant built heritage resources and significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved”.

Urban Hamilton Official Plan:

Volume 1, Section B.3.4 - Cultural Heritage Resources Policies of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan (UHOP) states that the City shall “protect and conserve the tangible cultural heritage resources of the City, including archaeological resources, built heritage resources, and cultural heritage landscapes” (B.3.4.2.1(a)), “identify cultural heritage resources through a continuing process of inventory, survey, and evaluation, as a basis for the wise management of these resources” (B.3.4.2.1(b)) and “ensure the conservation and protection of *cultural heritage resources* in planning and development matters subject to the *Planning Act* either through appropriate planning and design measures or as conditions of development approvals” (B.3.4.2.1(g)). The policies also

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Demolish Metal Accessory Structure at 64 Hatt Street, Dundas (PED18166) (Ward 13) - Page 4 of 6

provide that the “City may, by By-law, designate individual and groups of properties of cultural heritage value under Parts IV and V, respectively, of the *Ontario Heritage Act*” (B.3.4.2.3).

The recommendations of this Report comply with these policies.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

N/A

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

As the Notice of Intention to Demolish was specifically for the metal clad accessory structure and not the principle heritage building itself, this analysis and rationale are specifically aimed at the cultural heritage value of the accessory structure as it relates to the subject property.

Ontario Regulation 9 / 06: Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

Section 29 (1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* permits the Council of a municipality to designate property to be of cultural heritage value or interest where property meets the criteria prescribed by provincial regulation. In 2006, the Province issued Ontario Regulation 9 / 06: Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. According to Sub-section 1(2) of Ontario Regulation 9 / 06, a property may be designated under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* where it meets one or more of the identified criteria. Ontario Regulation 9 / 06 identifies criteria in three broad categories: Design / Physical Value, Historical / Associative Value and Contextual Value (see Appendix “B” to Report PED18166).

It should be noted that the criteria in Ontario Regulation 9 / 06 is intended to be applied to an entire property; however in this case, application of the criteria is limited to the accessory structure as it is proposed for demolition.

1. **Design / Physical Value:**

- i. The accessory structure does not appear to be a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.
- ii. The accessory structure does not display a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Demolish Metal Accessory Structure at 64 Hatt Street, Dundas (PED18166) (Ward 13) - Page 5 of 6

- iii. The accessory structure does not demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

2. Historical / Associative Value:

- i. The accessory structure is not considered to have direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.
- ii. The accessory structure is not considered to have the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of a community.
- iii. The accessory structure on the property is not attributed to a prominent architect.

3. Contextual Value:

- i. The accessory structure is not considered important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of the area.
- ii. While the accessory structure is physically, functionally, and visually linked with the building on the property, the accessory structure is not considered to be physically, functionally, visually and historically linked with the surrounding properties.
- iii. The accessory structure is not considered a landmark.

Conclusion:

The metal accessory structure does not meet any of the criteria for designation and, as such, is not considered to have sufficient cultural heritage value to warrant immediate designation of the subject property under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

However, the wider property is still considered to possess significant cultural heritage value and warrant further consideration for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. As such, staff recommends that the property remain on the designation work plan scheduled for 2025, when a comprehensive cultural heritage assessment can be completed. This will allow the 60 day notice of the intention to demolish the accessory structure to expire without any further action.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the designation of property is a discretionary activity on the part of Council. Council, as advised by the Hamilton Municipal Heritage

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Notice of Intention to Demolish Metal Accessory Structure at 64 Hatt Street, Dundas (PED18166) (Ward 13) - Page 6 of 6

Committee (HMHC), may consider the alternative to designate the property immediately.

Reject Staff's recommendation

HMHC can advise that Council make designation of the subject property an immediate priority. However, staff are not recommending this option as the accessory structure is not considered to be of sufficient cultural heritage value to be identified as a heritage feature or resource. As such, if HMHC recommends this alternative to Council, the City typically retains outside consultants to support the designation of the subject property immediately.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Built Environment and Infrastructure

Hamilton is supported by state of the art infrastructure, transportation options, buildings and public spaces that create a dynamic City.

Culture and Diversity

Hamilton is a thriving, vibrant place for arts, culture, and heritage where diversity and inclusivity are embraced and celebrated.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

- Appendix "A" – Location Map
- Appendix "B" – Ontario Regulation 9 / 06: Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
- Appendix "C" – Photographs

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Planning Division

TO:	Chair and Committee Members Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	July 19, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) under Part IV of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> (PED18167) (Ward 3)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 3
PREPARED BY:	Chelsey Tyers (905) 546-2424 Ext.1202
SUBMITTED BY:	Steve Robichaud Director, Planning and Chief Planner Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the designation of 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory), shown in Appendix "A" to Report PED18167, as a property of cultural heritage value pursuant to the provisions of Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, be approved;
- (b) That the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED18167, be approved;
- (c) That the City Clerk be directed to take appropriate action to designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, in accordance with the Notice of Intention to Designate, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED18167.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April, 2018, staff were made aware that the property owner of 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) was interested in pursuing designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The property owners opted to retain their own heritage consultant to do a Cultural Heritage Assessment for the purposes of designation rather than to wait for the City to add the property to the work plan for completion in 2034.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Ward 3) (PED18167) - Page 2 of 9

The historical research, evaluation of the significance of the property and description of heritage attributes were prepared by mcCallumSather for the property owner and are contained in the Cultural Heritage Assessment for 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton dated June 27, 2018 (Appendix “D” to Report PED18167). Additionally, the recommended Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes and the Notice of Intention to Designate are attached as Appendices “B” and “C” respectively to Report PED18167.

The subject property has been evaluated using both the Council-adopted heritage evaluation criteria and the Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, as defined in Ontario Regulation 9 / 06 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. It has been determined that the property, comprised of 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton, has design / physical value, historical / associative value, and contextual value, and meets twelve of the City’s twelve criteria and seven of nine criteria as defined in Ontario Regulation 9 / 06. Therefore staff recommends designation of the property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 8

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: N/A

Staffing: N/A

Legal: The designation process will follow the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and provide for adequate notice of Council’s intention to designate the property. Formal objections may be made under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and heard before the Conservation Review Board, prior to further consideration by Council of the designation By-law.

Designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* allows municipalities to recognize a property’s cultural heritage value or interest, and to conserve and manage the property through the Heritage Permit process enabled under Sections 33 (alterations) and 34 (demolition or removal) of the Act.

Where alterations to designated properties are contemplated, a property owner is required to apply for, obtain, and comply with a Heritage Permit, for any alteration that “is likely to affect the property’s heritage attributes, as set out in the description of the property’s heritage attributes” (Sub-section 33 (1)). Designation does not restrict the use of a property, prohibit alterations or additions, or restrict the sale of a property. The City

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Ward 3) (PED18167) - Page 3 of 9

of Hamilton also provides heritage grants and loan programs to assist in the continuing conservation of properties, once they are designated.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The subject property, municipally known as 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (see Location Map attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED18167), also known as the “Cotton Factory” and formerly the “Imperial Cotton Company”, was originally constructed in 1900 but was subject to a number of additions until about the 1960s. The Cotton Factory was originally constructed as a one to three storey red-brick industrial building for the purposes of manufacturing cotton duck material, a heavy-duty canvas like material.

During the late 19th and early 20th century, Hamilton’s textile industry was one of the city’s largest industries, second only to the steel mill industry. The Imperial Cotton Company as the subject property was originally known, was constructed in 1900 and was the third textile mill in the Hamilton area. It came about because a bookkeeper from a cotton duck mill in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia came to Hamilton in 1887 to open a rival company. He contacted John Patterson, one of the persons responsible for opening the Cataract Power Company which brought inexpensive electricity to the City. Patterson already owned the land, and his brother Edmond Patterson was the architect.

The Young family, who also owned Hamilton Cotton Mills is associated with the Imperial Cotton Company as well. James M. Young was the first President, and may have been a part owner with John Patterson. The Young family was significant in the textile industry, as they also had holdings in a number of other textile mills in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario including the Hamilton Cotton Company which started in 1880.

In 1924, the Imperial Cotton Company was merged with the Cosmos Cotton Mills (located in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia). The site serviced the Cosmos-Imperial Mills Limited until 1958 when most of its machinery and workers were sent back to Nova Scotia.

The building has been adaptively reused and is currently a creative industries complex with space for workshops, small manufacturing, office space for creative professionals and studios for artists.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Provincial Policy Statement:

Section 2.6 of the Provincial Policy Statement pertains to Cultural Heritage and Archaeology. Sub-section 2.6.1 states that “significant built heritage resources and

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Ward 3) (PED18167) - Page 4 of 9

significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved”. The recommendations of this Report are consistent with this policy.

Urban Hamilton Official Plan:

Volume 1, Section B.3.4 - Cultural Heritage Resources Policies of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan (UHOP) states that the City shall “protect and conserve the tangible cultural heritage resources of the City, including archaeological resources, built heritage resources, and cultural heritage landscapes” (B.3.4.2.1(a)), and “identify cultural heritage resources through a continuing process of inventory, survey, and evaluation, as a basis for the wise management of these resources” (B.3.4.2.1(b)). The policies also provide that the “City may, by By-law, designate individual and groups of properties of cultural heritage value under Parts IV and V, respectively, of the *Ontario Heritage Act*” (B.3.4.2.3).

The recommendations of this Report comply with these policies.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Pursuant to Sub-section 29 (2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Council is required to consult with its Municipal Heritage Committee respecting designation of property under Sub-section (1) of the Act. Typically, Cultural Heritage Assessments are reviewed by the Inventory and Research working group in accordance with the Council approved process attached as Appendix “E” of Report PED18167. As a result of the upcoming municipal election this year and that there are no Council meetings between the old and new Councils, the recommendations had to be presented to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee immediately to allow Council to pass a designation by-law prior to the municipal election.

Staff also informed the Ward Councillor of the request to designate and the recommendations of this Report. The Ward Councillor expressed support of the owner led designation of 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The intent of municipal designation, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, is to enable a process for the management and conservation of cultural resources. Once a property is designated, the municipality is enabled to manage alterations to the property through the Heritage Permit process and to ensure that the significant features of the property are maintained through the provision of financial assistance programs and the enforcement of Property Standards By-laws.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Ward 3) (PED18167) - Page 5 of 9

Designation is guided by the process of cultural heritage evaluation and assessment. The evaluation process, as documented in the Cultural Heritage Assessment, attached as Appendix “D” to Report PED18167, attempts to clearly identify those heritage values associated with a property.

Council-Adopted Evaluation Criteria:

A set of criteria were endorsed by the City of Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee on June 19, 2003, and were adopted by Council on October 29, 2008 (Appendix “B” of Report PED08211), as the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Criteria: A Framework for Evaluating the Cultural Heritage Value or Interest of Property for Designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The criteria are used to identify the cultural heritage values of a property and to assess their significance. This evaluation assists in determining a property’s merit for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as well as deriving a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes.

Through the consultants’ evaluation, the property meets twelve of the City’s twelve criteria pertaining to built heritage value.

Ontario Regulation 9 / 06: Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

Section 29 (1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* permits the Council of a municipality to designate property to be of cultural heritage value or interest where property meets the criteria prescribed by provincial regulation. In 2006, the Province issued Ontario Regulation 9 / 06: Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. According to Sub-section 1 (2) of Ontario Regulation 9 / 06, a property may be designated under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* where it meets one or more of the identified criteria. Ontario Regulation 9 / 06 identifies criteria in three broad categories: Design / Physical Value, Historical / Associative Value and Contextual Value.

As outlined in the attached Cultural Heritage Assessment (see Appendix “D” to Report PED18167), the subject property satisfies seven of the nine criteria contained in Ontario Regulation 9 / 06 in all three categories.

1. **Design / Physical Value:**

- i. The property is a representative example of a complete historic textile mill in the Gothic interpretation of industrial architecture.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Ward 3) (PED18167) - Page 6 of 9

- ii. The property does not demonstrate a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
- iii. The property does not demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

2. Historical / Associative Value:

- i. The property does have direct associations with the early textile industry in Hamilton as it was the third textile mill constructed in Hamilton and continued to serve in the industry until 1958.
- ii. The property does have the potential to yield information about Hamilton's textile industry.
- iii. The property does reflect the work of architect Edmond Patterson who is attributed to the design of the original 1900 industrial complex. Edmond Patterson was a local architect who specialized in industrial buildings, private residences and walk-up apartment blocks. Examples of Edmond Patterson's work include the brick Turbine Hall at Decew Falls near St. Catharines and the Transformer Station for the power company that used to be on Victoria Avenue North, Hamilton.

3. Contextual Value:

- i. The property is considered to have contextual value as it defines, maintains and supports the industrial character of the area.
- ii. The property is considered to be physically, functionally and historically linked to its surroundings. Located in an early industrial area in Hamilton, the Cotton Factory supported Hamilton's early industrial history. Furthermore, the location and configuration of the site were functionally laid out to support the textile manufacturing around the railway line that at one time entered onto the property.
- iii. The property is considered a landmark due to its physical size, completeness of an early industrial complex and the tower and smokestack that are visually prominent in the area.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Ward 3) (PED18167) - Page 7 of 9

Additional Recommendation in the Cultural Heritage Assessment by mcCallumSather

In addition to the recommendation to designate the subject property under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the Cultural Heritage Assessment also provided the following recommendations:

1. Construction activities shall be planned to avoid impact to identified cultural heritage resources.
2. The City of Hamilton Heritage staff provide a Heritage Permit for similar ongoing window conservation work under the current ownership as part of the property's long-term conservation and maintenance program.
3. The City of Hamilton Heritage staff provide a Heritage Permit for similar ongoing minor masonry work (repointing, selective brick replacement, etc.) as part of the property's long-term conservation and maintenance program.
4. The infill between the original Mill and the Office buildings and the front loading dock addition (approximately 1946) not be considered as part of the heritage designation as they have no heritage value.
5. Should future work require an expansion and / or renovation to the property of 270 Sherman Ave North, a qualified heritage consultant shall be engaged to mitigate any potential impacts of the proposed work on potential cultural heritage resources.
6. Any significant conservation work beyond general building repair, the applicant must consult with the City of Hamilton's Heritage staff to confirm requirements and the approval process.

With respect to recommendation 1., 5., and 6., these items are in keeping with best practice and any construction work, expansion or renovation may require a Heritage Permit application. With respect to items 2., and 3., any ongoing window conservation or masonry work will require the approval of a Heritage Permit application in consultation with the Heritage Permit Review Subcommittee and / or Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee. Lastly, with respect to recommendation 4., staff concur that the 1946 infill between the Mill and Office buildings has very little cultural heritage value and as such it is not included in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

Conclusion:

The consultants have determined that the subject property, 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton is of cultural heritage value or interest, sufficient to warrant designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Staff concur with the findings of the Cultural

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Ward 3) (PED18167) - Page 8 of 9

Heritage Assessment Report and recommends designation of 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the Description of Heritage Attributes, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED18167 and the draft Notice of Intention to Designate attached as Appendix “C” to Report PED18167.

With respect to the additional recommendations in the Cultural Heritage Assessment noted above, staff concur, however note that any alterations to the heritage attributes identified in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, including the masonry and original windows will require Heritage Permit approval.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the designation of property is a discretionary activity on the part of Council. Council, as advised by its Municipal Heritage Committee, may consider two alternatives: agree to designate property, or decline to designate property.

Decline to Designate:

By declining to designate, the municipality would be unable to provide long - term, legal protection to these significant heritage resources (designation provides protection against inappropriate alterations, new construction and demolition), and would not fulfil the expectations established by existing municipal and provincial policies.

Without designation, the property would not be eligible for the City’s heritage grant and loan programs. Designation does not restrict the use of property, prohibit alterations and additions, nor does it restrict the sale of a property, or affect its resale value. Staff does not consider declining to designate the property to be an appropriate conservation alternative.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Clean and Green

Hamilton is environmentally sustainable with a healthy balance of natural and urban spaces.

Built Environment and Infrastructure

Hamilton is supported by state of the art infrastructure, transportation options, buildings and public spaces that create a dynamic City.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Ward 3) (PED18167) - Page 9 of 9

Culture and Diversity

Hamilton is a thriving, vibrant place for arts, culture, and heritage where diversity and inclusivity are embraced and celebrated.

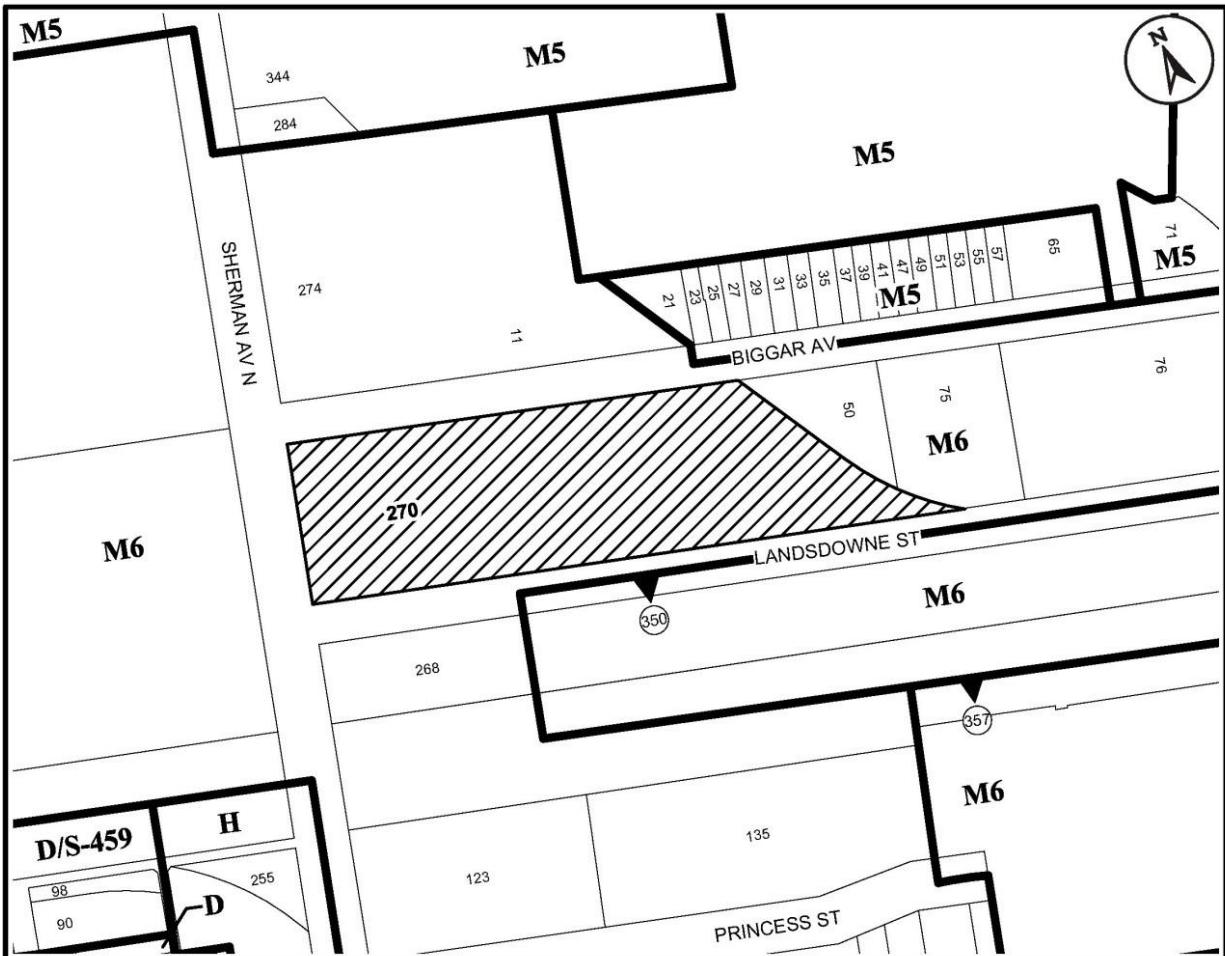
APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

- Appendix “A”: Location Map
- Appendix “B”: Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes
- Appendix “C”: Notice of Intention to Designate
- Appendix “D”: Cultural Heritage Assessment Report on the 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) dated June 27, 2018
- Appendix “E”: Council-Adopted Heritage Designation Process

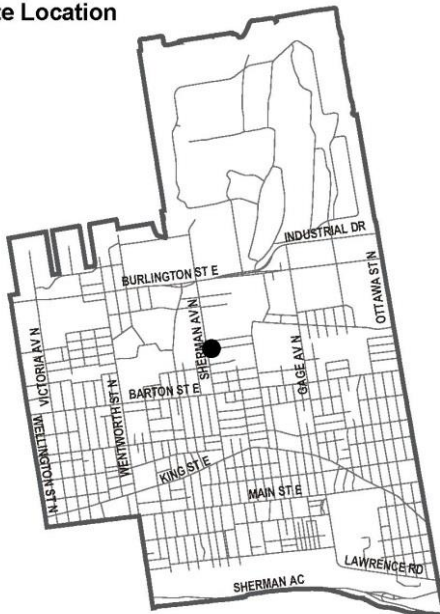
OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.


OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.



● Site Location



Key Map - Ward 3

N.T.S. 

Location Map



PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Name/Number:
PED18167

Date:
June 20, 2018

Appendix "A"

Scale:
N.T.S.

Planner/Technician:
CT/AL

Subject Property

 270 Sherman Avenue North

270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST AND DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Cotton Factory, municipally known as 270 Sherman Avenue North, is a former industrial complex that consists of a combination of one to three storey early 20th century buildings built with a Gothic architectural influence. The complex is situated on an approximately 3 acre parcel of land located on the east side of Sherman Avenue North between Landsdowne Street and Biggar Street in an industrial area within the City of Hamilton.

DESIGN / PHYSICAL VALUE

The Cotton Factory has design and physical value as a representative example of a turn-of-the-century industrial building with Gothic architectural influence. While the complex consists of a patchwork of buildings, the Gothic style of influence is apparent throughout in the symmetrical rhythm of the building elevations, shallow buttressing, and the large, arched, multi-paned windows. The interior of the mill building demonstrates the typical industrial construction of the time using metal posts and timber beams to create large open spaces.

HISTORICAL / ASSOCIATIVE VALUE

The industrial complex was constructed in 1900 for the Imperial Cotton Company due to the collaborative efforts of a Yarmouth bookkeeper (name unknown), investment of the '5 Johns', access of the land by John Patterson, architectural design of Edmond Patterson, and direction of James M. Young as its first President. There is insufficient evidence to determine if Young was also a part owner, but the Young family was significant in the textile industry as they had holdings in textile mills across New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario.

Specializing in heavy duct cotton used for boat sails and building awnings, the Imperial Cotton Company was instrumental to the formation of the early textile industry in Hamilton. Orders were taken from all over the world using telegraphic code. The Imperial Cotton Company had its own codebook to simplify orders. Classes of cotton duck manufactured were "once & sail", "harvester" & "hydraulic", "hose, bootleg and tennis", and "filter and press". Archival records show that the Imperial Cotton Company manufactured the sailcloth of the iconic Canadian Bluenose. In 1924 the Imperial Cotton Company was amalgamated with a Nova Scotia firm owned by the Young Family, to form the Cosmos-Imperial Cotton Company.

CONTEXTUAL VALUE

The Cotton Factory is a landmark as its smoke stack and tower are some of the few vertical elements in the North End of Hamilton. The building is located in close proximity to other industrial buildings that developed in the neighbourhood due to its proximity outside the city centre and connections to rail. The Textile industry in Hamilton in the early 20th century is functionally and historically linked to its surroundings. It employed more than 300 workers, mainly women, and it can be assumed that the residential area developed around the factory to house the workers.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The cultural heritage value of the Cotton Factory, known as 270 Sherman Avenue North, resides in the following heritage attributes that are related to the Industrial, Gothic influenced style and the complex's industrial use and context including (excluding the 1946 addition between the Mill and Office Buildings):

Landscape Attributes:

- Organic layout of buildings to accommodate the function of the original and evolved industrial use;
- Proximity to railway line; and,
- High concrete platform on south elevation of the Store House.

Exterior Attributes:

- Rectangular shape of buildings;
- Red brick construction;
- Varied rooflines with heights ranging from one to three stories;
- Brick corbelling;
- Original window and door openings including brick voussoirs and stone sills;
- Original wood windows where they exist;
- Bays separated by shallow buttressing;
- Iron tie rod anchor plates (located where the buttress and interior floors meet);
- Original wood doors where they exist;
- Tower including window openings and corbeling, bracketing and crenelation details; and,
- Smoke stack including corbeling.

Interior Attributes:

- Timber post and beam construction where it exists;
- Original wood floors and exposed wood ceilings where they exist; and,
- Original metal fire doors of the interior.

CITY OF HAMILTON

Notice of Intention to Designate**270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory)**

The City of Hamilton intends to designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as being a property of cultural heritage value.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Cotton Factory, known municipally as 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton was originally home to the Imperial Cotton Co. which began in 1900. The Imperial Cotton Co. was the third textile mill in Hamilton and produced cotton duck, a heavy weight canvas like material to customers across North America. The building remains one of very few intact industrial mill complexes.

The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, Description of Heritage Attributes and supporting Cultural Heritage Assessment may be found online via www.hamilton.ca or viewed at the Office of the City Clerk, 71 Main Street West, 1st Floor, City Hall, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4Y5, during regular business hours.

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the publication of the Notice, serve written notice of their objections to the proposed designation, together with a statement for the objection and relevant facts, on the City Clerk at the Office of the City Clerk.

Dated at Hamilton, this [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED], 2018.

City Clerk
Hamilton, Ontario

CONTACT: Chelsey Tyers, Cultural Heritage Planner, Phone: (905) 546-2424 ext. 1202, E-mail: Chelsey.tyers@hamilton.ca



Heritage Cultural Assessment

18035 | 270 Sherman Street N
Cotton Factory

June 27, 2018

mcCallumSather

Appendix "D" to Report PED18167
Page 1 of 42

Table of Contents
Executive Summary & Recommendationsiv

BACKGROUND
1.0 Introduction 1
2.0 Property Location 2

RESEARCH / ANALYSIS
3.0 Settlement Context 3
4.0 Property Description 13

ANALYSIS
5.0 Cultural Heritage Evaluation 27
6.0 Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: 31

APPENDICES
7.0 Bibliography 34
8.0 Heritage Personnel 36

"Conservation involved in all actions or processes that are aimed at safeguarding the character defining elements of a cultural resource so as to retain its heritage value and extend its physical life. This may involve preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, or a combination of these actions or processes", Parks Canada's Standard and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada, 2003.

executive summary & recommendations

Executive Summary

The purpose of the report is to establish and validate the cultural heritage value of 270 Sherman Ave N. known as The Cotton Factory. In our research, both archival and primary, McCallum Sather confirms the original buildings as a whole are significant to Hamilton's cultural heritage as a place of industry, located within a warehouse and manufacturing district. This distinctive Hamilton property is composed of several buildings constructed between 1900 to when it closed as a textile mill in 1958*. It is listed within the City of Hamilton's *Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and/or Historical Interest*.

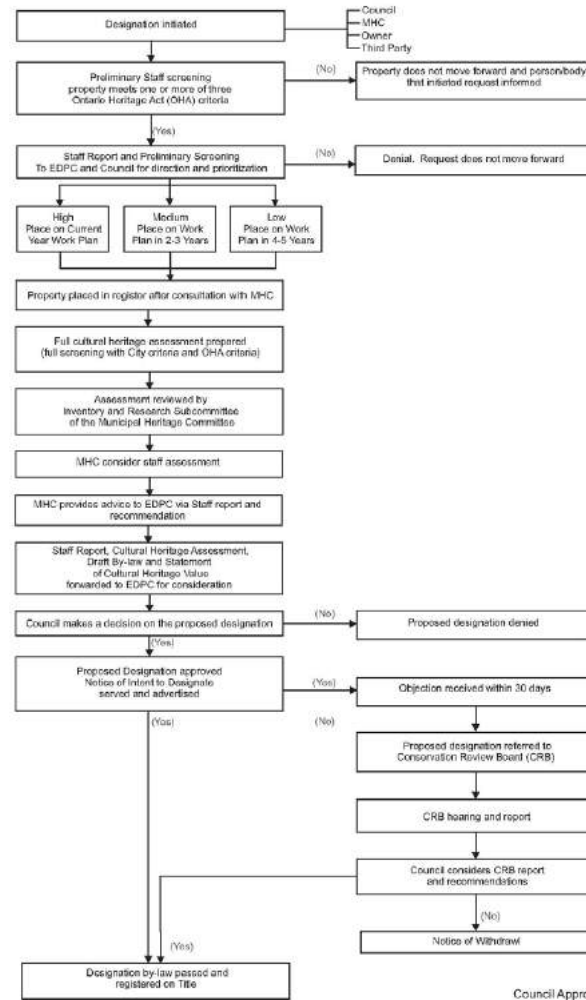
The HCA establishes the cultural heritage value and significance of 270 Sherman Ave N; identifies heritage resources and attributes; and confirms if the identified cultural heritage resources meet the criteria for heritage designation as per Ontario Regulation 9/06 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The Cotton Factory gains heritage value through historic connections to the City of Hamilton and its immediate relationship to other buildings on the site. The factory acts as a landmark, both visually and through the historic evidence of the textile industry that was once based in Hamilton. Its associations to the Canadian Bluenose and its economic significance to the local, national, and international textile industry validates its importance as a cultural asset. Its physical relationships to each of the existing buildings relate to the Industrial Gothic architectural style, including Victorian and Edwardian details. This composition of buildings developed organically over time creates a unique site of historical importance.

Recommendations

1. We recommend that the building be designated under the Ontario *Heritage Act*.
2. Construction activities shall be planned to avoid impact to identified cultural heritage resources.
3. We request that the City of Hamilton Heritage Staff provide a Heritage Permit for similar ongoing window conservation work under the current ownership as part of the property's long-term conservation and maintenance program.
4. We request that the City of Hamilton Heritage Staff provide a Heritage Permit for similar ongoing minor masonry work (repointing, selective brick replacement, etc.) as part of the property's long-term conservation and maintenance program.
5. The infill between the original Mill and the Office buildings and the front loading dock addition (approximately 1946) are not part of the heritage designation as they have no heritage value.
6. Should future work require an expansion and/or renovation to the property of 270 Sherman Ave N., a qualified heritage consultant shall be engaged to mitigate any potential impacts of the proposed work on potential cultural heritage resources.
7. We recommend that any significant conservation work beyond general building repair, the client consult with the City of Hamilton's Heritage Staff to confirm requirements and approval process.

DESIGNATION PROCESS



Council Approved on October 29, 2008

Appendix "D" to Report PED18167
Page 6 of 42

Figure 1.1 - APPENDIX 1: City of Hamilton Designation Process | Page 1

1.0 introduction

The City of Hamilton Council approved process criteria for determining cultural heritage value for designating a property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* requires a Cultural Heritage Assessment in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 9/06 – Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest*.

mcCallumSather was retained to evaluate the cultural heritage value and interest of the subject property based on the requirements from the *Ontario Regulation 9/06* and the guidelines provided in the *Ontario Heritage Tool Kit "Designating Heritage Properties"*. The evaluation concludes with a recommendation on whether a property merits designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

PROCESS

1. Review of Property Information

mcCallumSather reviewed relevant background information and historical documents related to the significance of the property.

2. Site Visit

mcCallumSather conducted a site visit on May 7, 2018 and took up-to-date high-quality photographs of the property.

3. Cultural Heritage Assessment Report

The result of this research, this document follows the city approved criteria evaluating the cultural heritage value of the subject property, including the identification of significant heritage attributes. The Cultural Heritage Assessment Report was prepared in response to with *Ontario Regulation 9/06*.

The purpose of the Cultural Heritage Assessment of the subject property is to:

- a. Identify and assess the potential cultural heritage value of the property;
- b. Determine if the property merits designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and,
- c. Identify the significant heritage attributes associated with the identified cultural heritage value of the property.

2.0 property location

The property, located at 270 Sherman Ave N., contains the buildings known as The Cotton Factory. The subject property is included in the City of Hamilton Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and/or Historic Interest. It is located within the industrial north end of Hamilton, within close proximity to the rail corridor. The request to designate the subject property was initiated by the owner in the spring of 2018.



Figure 2.1 - Location Map

3.0 settlement context

Early Settlement

Hamilton's history dates back to 1815 when George Hamilton purchased a house and 257 acres of land from James Durand. He quickly laid out the town site by delineating roadways and selling parcels of his estate to newcomers (Loyalists, American colonists who supported the British cause during the American Revolution 1775-83). Hamilton was incorporated as a town in 1833 and as a city in 1846.

Hamilton 1859



Figure 3.1 Great Western Workshop (source: Great Western Railway)
The Great Western Railways spurred industrialization and provided work for skilled men as in this factory in Hamilton, Ontario (courtesy Library and Archives Canada).

Hamilton grew slowly until the late 1820s when a newly-constructed canal through Burlington Beach permitted schooners and steamers entry into Burlington Bay. With the access point for roads ascending the Niagara Escarpment, the canal transformed the fledgling community into a significant port. With enormous migration from the United Kingdom during the 1830s, its fortunes grew, in part because its location made it an ideal spot for mercantile houses, granaries and manufacturing establishments that could serve the surrounding region.

Railways

Led by land agent and lawyer Sir Allan MacNab and others, the city bought into the Great Western Railway and other lines. The main line (Niagara Falls-Hamilton-London-Windsor) was opened in 1854. By 1882 it operated 1280 km of track throughout SW Ontario and 288 km in Michigan. Then, in the year from 1892 – 1984 the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway (TH&B) was opened as a separate railway serving the Hamilton area. It was established largely as an alternate route for the businesses in the Hamilton area to ship their products to Canadian customers in Toronto, Montreal, and the west and to American customers via the New York Central and its subsidiaries. The railway boom attracted stove and farm-implement foundries, and in subsequent decades the town established other industrial business that would flourish into the mid-20th century including the textile industry.



Figure 3.2 - (Source: Dundas Museum & Archives) Dundas Cotton Mill commenced operation in 1860. Photo taken in 1900.

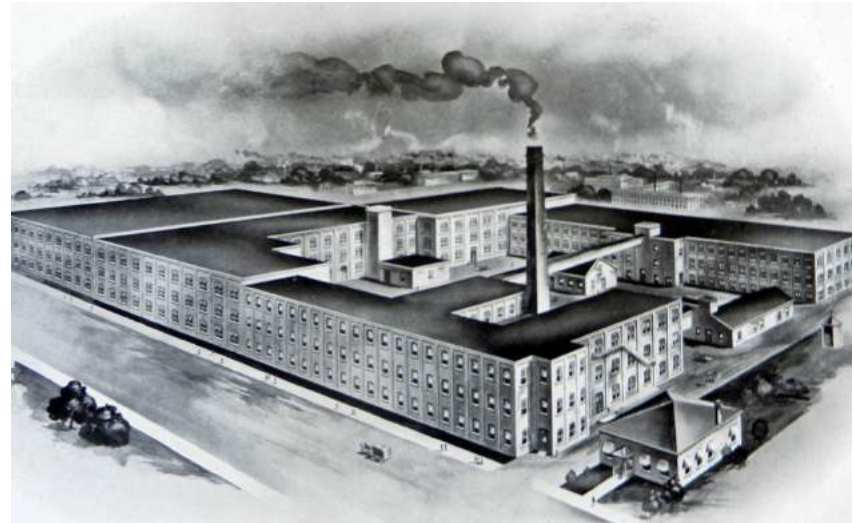


Figure 3.3 - (source: Workers' City) Hamilton Cotton Company stood the behind Malcolm & Souter plant on Mary Street.



Figure 3.4 - (source: Hamilton Public Library) Coppley Building erected in 1856 at the corner of York Street and MacNab Street. The former mill now stands as an expression of the pride and heritage of the textile industry in Hamilton.



Figure 3.5 - (source: Hamilton Public Archives) Imperial Cotton Factory prior to additions on West Elevation. Operated from 1900-1958. It became Cosmos-Imperial Cotton Company in 1924.



Figure 3.6 - (source - Library & Archives Canada) John A. Macdonald's National Policy capitalized on a new textile tariff structure.

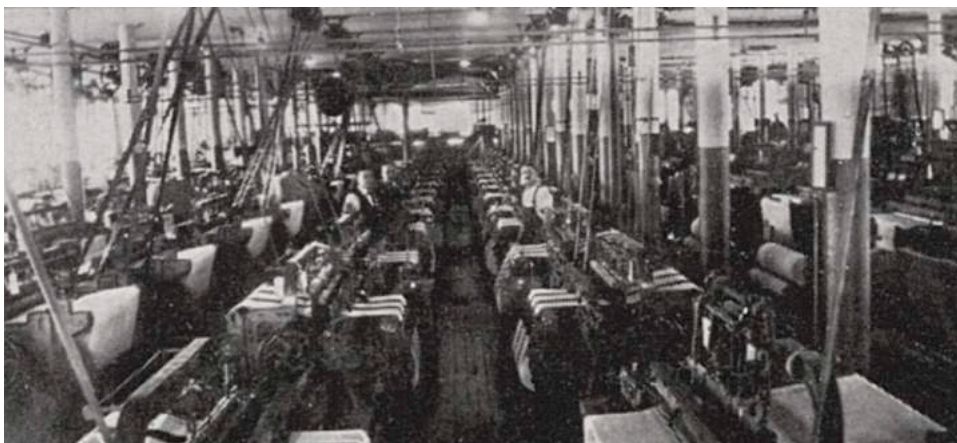


Figure 3.7 - (source - Hamilton Public Library Archives) Giant looms and spinning and carding machines were imported from Britain and the United States. The whole operation was driven by electricity. The power was generated in the factory's own steam plant.

Textile Industry

Starting in 1890's to the late 1950's textile production flourished in Hamilton. Everywhere in North America, once cities arose, cloth no longer had to be spun and woven by hand or sent for from England. In 1870, Prime Minister John A. Macdonald stimulated the growth of Canada's textile industry by placing stiff tariffs on all European textile imports. Textile production companies proliferated, and a highly successful and noted concentration occurred in Hamilton, thanks to both the entrepreneurs of the day and a labour force that quickly developed a high level of the necessary skills.

While the term 'mills' generally refers to hydraulically powered factory situated beside a river, in Hamilton it refers to large, long plants where coal-fired boilers produced steam under high-enough pressure to turn line shafts (horizontal rods running along a high ceiling) operating their machines below. Though eventually electrified as time went on, the working conditions of textile mills were hot, noisy, and dusty facilities - their one saving grace, large windows which allowed for generous natural light and passive ventilation.

There are three basic processes in textile manufacturing; the carding, spinning and dyeing of raw cotton or wool fleece into cotton or wool yarn, and either weaving the yarn into fabric on industrial looms, or knitting it into yardage or finished garments on industrial knitting or cordwinding machinery. Hamilton would perform all three functions, becoming the country's third largest textile manufacturing centre after Montreal and Toronto.

The first was Jasper Crane's knitting mill in Ancaster, founded in the 1850s. Eventually renamed the Dundas Cotton Manufacturing Company (clothing). James M. Young left the Dundas Cotton Manufacturing Co. and established Hamilton Cotton Company (clothing) in 1880, taking advantage



— Date stone

Figure 3.8 - (source: Workers' City) Original Imperial Cotton Company label and 1900 keystone on tower.

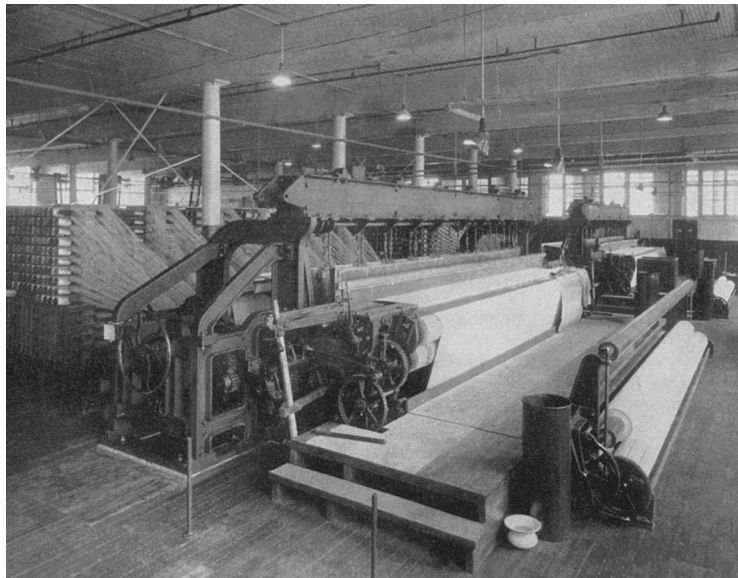


Figure 3.9 - (source - Hamilton Public Library Archives) The factory was known to produce heavy cotton duck for sails, mechanical belting for power transmission, railway car roofing, awnings and other products.

**IMPERIAL
Cotton Company
LIMITED**
HAMILTON - CANADA

MANUFACTURERS OF
**COTTON DUCK AND
COTTON SAIL TWINE**

Cotton Duck in all widths from 4" to 120" inclusive
and in all weights

SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF
**"IMPERIAL EXTRA
WATERTITE"**

The best thoroughly waterproofed
Cotton Duck on the Market

— AND —

**"Imperial Extra Ontario Awning
Stripes."**

The most durable and best appearing stripes
procurable

Figure 3.10 - (source: Workers' City) Imperial Cotton Company Advertising

JOHN J. MCGILL,
President
J. M. YOUNG,
Vice President

J. H. WALKER,
General Manager
C. W. FOWLER,
Secretary-Treasurer

DOMINION BELTING COMPANY, Limited
MANUFACTURERS OF
STITCHED COTTON DUCK BELTING
FOR TRANSMISSION OF POWER, CARRYING, ETC.
ENDLESS THRESHING BELTS, BELT DRESSING, FASTENERS, ETC.

THE Dominion Belting Co., Limited, are Sole Manufacturers in Canada of the
celebrated "Maple Leaf" brand of Stitched Cotton Duck Belting. This is
the strongest, most long-lasting, most economical belting on the market, costing
only one-half the price of leather, and fully 25% less than a good rubber belt.
"Maple Leaf" belting has proved so satisfactory for transmission of power,
carrying, etc., that
it is now stocked by
the most represent-
ative jobbers from
Halifax, to Vancouver.
The company
has a branch in
Montreal, and sell-
ing agents in Hal-
ifax, St. John, N. B.,
Winnipeg and Yun-
cooper. It also
manufactures
"Maple Leaf" Belt
Dressing—the best
for all kinds of belt-
ing.

MAPLE LEAF
BELT DRESSING

MAPLE LEAF

of Macdonald's increased customs duties on imports. Ontario Cotton Manufacturing Co. (denim, shoe lining fabrics, flour bags, spun yarn for use in cotton carpets) was the next to be established by a group including William Hendrie (Sr.), Edward and Charles Gurney, and C.B. Snow, and in 1882 production began at an 1850 facility, for former F.G. Becket Engine and Boiler Works.

Imperial Cotton Company

During the late 19th to early 20th century, Hamilton's textile production was one of the city's largest industries, second only to the steel mills. The "5 Johns" of Hamilton (Gibson, Moodie, Sutherland, Dickenson and Patterson) were the ones responsible for this "Industrial Age". They opened the Cataract Power Company in 1896 which brought cheap electricity to the city, and they were Hamilton's major land-owners in the region, both of which brought manufactures and entrepreneurs from all over North America.

A bookkeeper from a Yarmouth, Nova Scotia cotton duck mill came to Hamilton in 1887 to open up a rival company. He approached John Patterson of the "5 Johns" to fund his cotton mill venture. Patterson already owned the land, and it was decided that his brother Edmond Patterson would be the architect. The Imperial Cotton Company was born in 1900 and a man named James M. Young, became the first President (and is a now distant relative of Robert Young, the current owner of the Hamilton Tiger Cats). James V. Young was the vice-president of Cosmos Imperial Mills in 1957 which speaks to the families ongoing involvement within the textile industry. In our research, we were unable to determine the nuances of ownership of the 270 Sherman site and the Imperial Cotton Company due to a lack of documentary evidence.

By 1900, the city's third cotton cloth maker, Imperial Cotton Co. Ltd., was started up by James M. Young, owner of Hamilton Cotton, and a group of associates. The venture was formed to meet a need for heavy cotton duck for sails, mechanical belting, railway car roofing and awnings. Investors from New York bought into the company soon after production began.

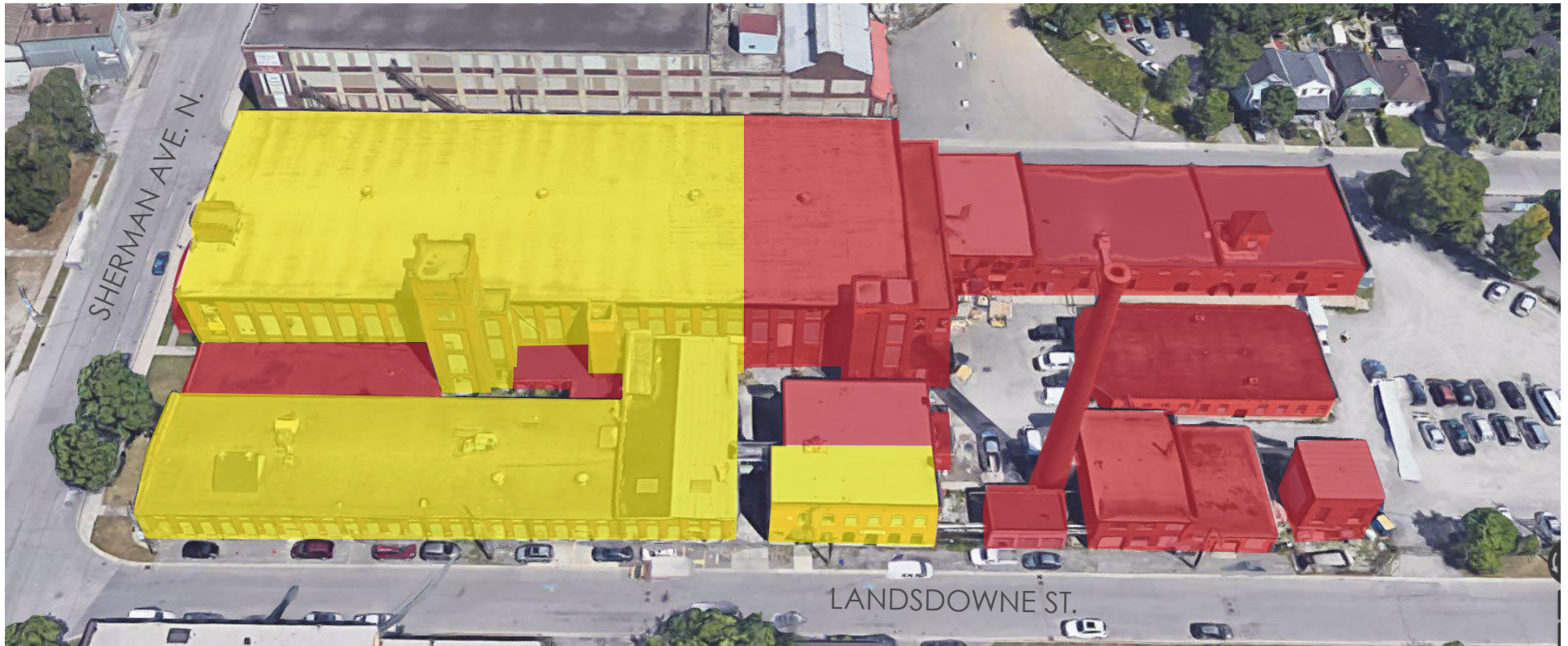
By 1906, orders were taken from all over the world using telegraphic code, and Imperial Cotton created its own code-book to simplify orders. Classes of cotton duck manufactured were "once & sail", "harvester" & "hydraulic", "hose, bootleg and tennis", and "filter and press". Archival records show the Imperial Cotton Company manufactured the sailcloth of the iconic Canadian Bluenose.

As of 1924, Imperial Cotton amalgamated with a Nova Scotia firm that had been owned by Hamilton Cotton, to form the Cosmos-Imperial Cotton Company. This company employed more than 300 workers, many of them women at 270 Sherman Avenue North. The three story brick building of this fascinating complex, with its tall tower, housed most of the machinery. Finishing work was done in an adjoining two-storey building.

The Young family strengthened its holdings in Hamilton and added plants in Marysville, New Brunswick; Montreal, Quebec; and Trenton and Woodbridge, Ontario. It also guided production at Hamilton's Cosmos-Imperial Mill until 1958. Though the Young family strengthened its holdings through Canada, they wound down operations of their plants in the 1960s, partly because of competition from foreign producers.

Subsequent companies continued producing and distributing cotton products there until the site was purchased by a leasing company which maintains the original Imperial Cotton buildings as one of the most complete historic textile mill complexes in Canada.

Figure 3.10: Site Evolution Diagram



source: Google Maps

Legend



-  Original Construction (1900)
-  Buildings added/in filled (between 1933-1962)



Figure 3.11- Current (2018)

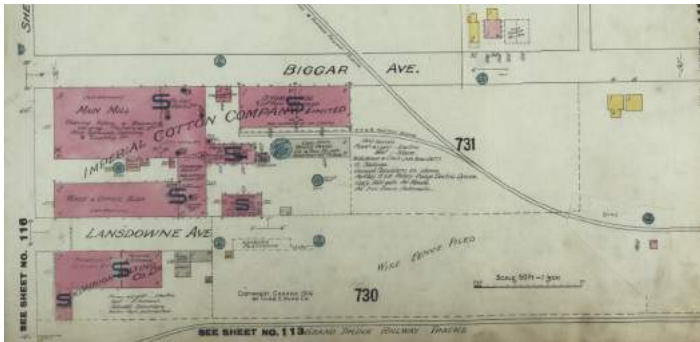


Figure 3.12- Fire Insurance Map (1914)

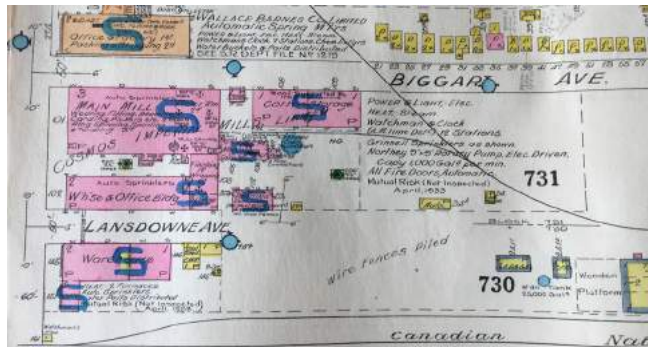


Figure 3.13 - Fire Insurance Map (1933)

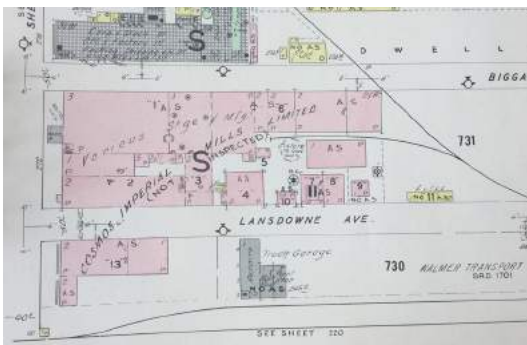
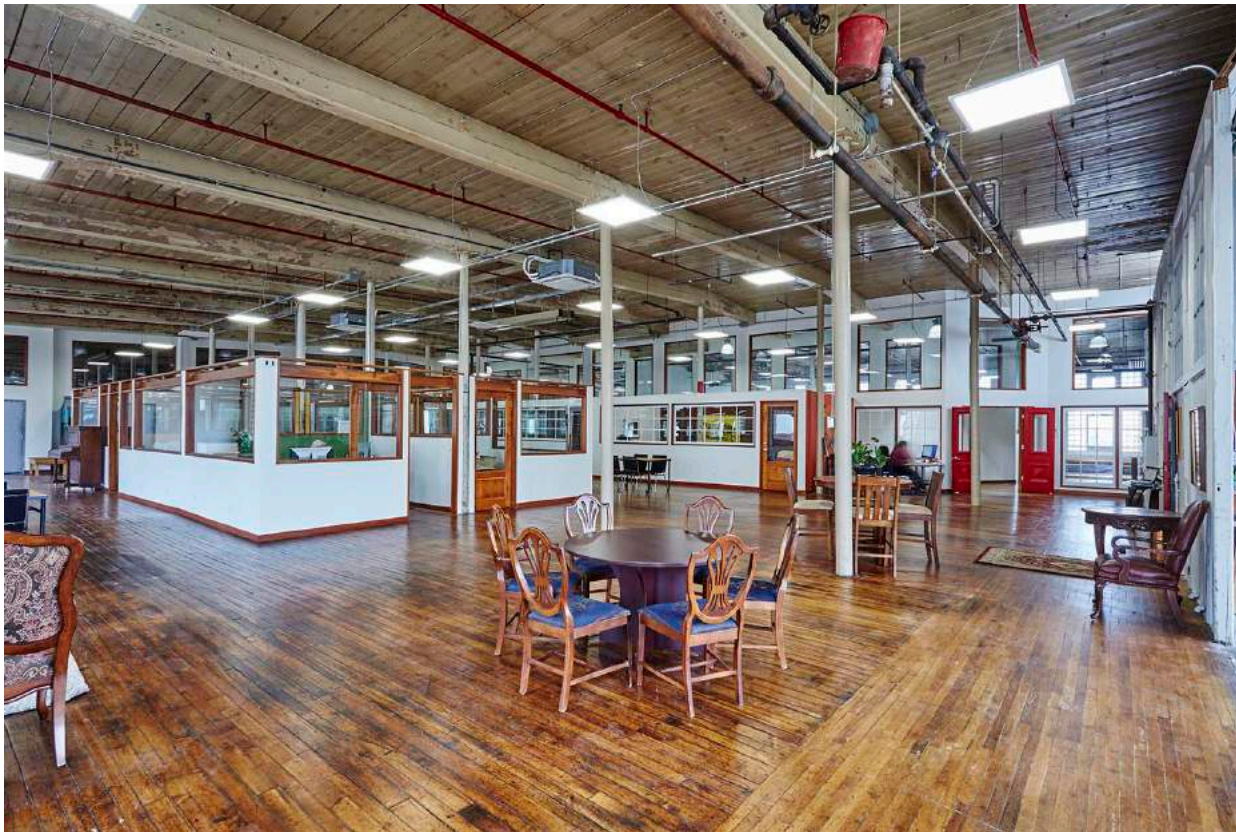


Figure 3.14- Fire Insurance Map (1962)

The Imperial Cotton Company treated their employees to a quarterly magazine, "The Fabricator", from 1921 to 1925. The magazine brought news of such things as a group insurance plan, a new 165-seat cafeteria with hot meals and electric refrigeration, and the purchase of a new lunch-room piano by the Entertainment Committee, among other things. The newsletter also listed community news such as the marriages, births, deaths, and vacations of mill employees.

In 1924, Imperial Cotton merged with Cosmos Cotton Mills (formerly Yarmouth Duck and Cotton). The new company, Cosmos-Imperial Mills Limited, operated the complex until 1958, when most of its machinery and workers were sent back to Nova Scotia. A textile museum in Yarmouth houses many of the "Big Looms" that may have been used at The Cotton Factory.

In 1900, when the Imperial Cotton Company was born, this was one of the few industrial buildings in Hamilton located next in an industrial district. The surrounding factories include the E. Catskins Saw Manufacturers, Pittsburg Perfect Fence Co. Ltd., Canadian Horse Show Co., Dominion Belting Co. Ltd., and the Standard Underground Cable Co. Ltd. The tower central to the rectangular building which operated as the Main Mill, and the extensive in height smoke stack still stand prominently in Hamilton's landscape. The fire insurance maps are evidence of the property has been ever changing. between the years 1900 when the land was acquired and 1962. The development of the Mill Arts Building, Utility Buildings, and additions to the Mill & Store House building is evidence of the evolving nature of the factory.



(source: Cotton Factory)



(source: mcCallumSather)

Figure 3.15 - (source: mcCallumSather) The Cotton Factory is a prime example of successful adaptive reuse converting the industrial space into studios, workshops and event space for creatives.



Figure 3.16 - (source: Cotton Factory) The Cotton Factory is also featured as a setting in CBC's Murdoch Mysteries

Cotton Factory: Arts Incubator & Cultural Hub

The process of converting the Cotton Factory to a art-focused building began in 2005 at a design charrette. The building now known at 270 Sherman Avenue North as The Cotton Factory, leases spaces to numerous artists, creative firms and light industries, rent out the site for film productions and open these remarkable buildings for public view during events such as the monthly Hamilton Art Crawl and annual Doors Open Hamilton.

The former site of the Imperial Cotton Co. is a prime example of adaptive reuse. In the heart of lower Hamilton, The Cotton Factory has been transformed into a creative industries complex, with space for workshops and small manufacturing, office space for creative professionals, and studios for artists. Though the complex is now fully leased, the community and uses of the complex are always growing and evolving.

Over 100 tenants currently call the facilities of The Cotton Factory home for their artistic or creative practice. Among them are photographers, designers, curators, painters, potters, textile artists and woodworkers. Areas of the building have also been used for a wide variety of television and movie productions.

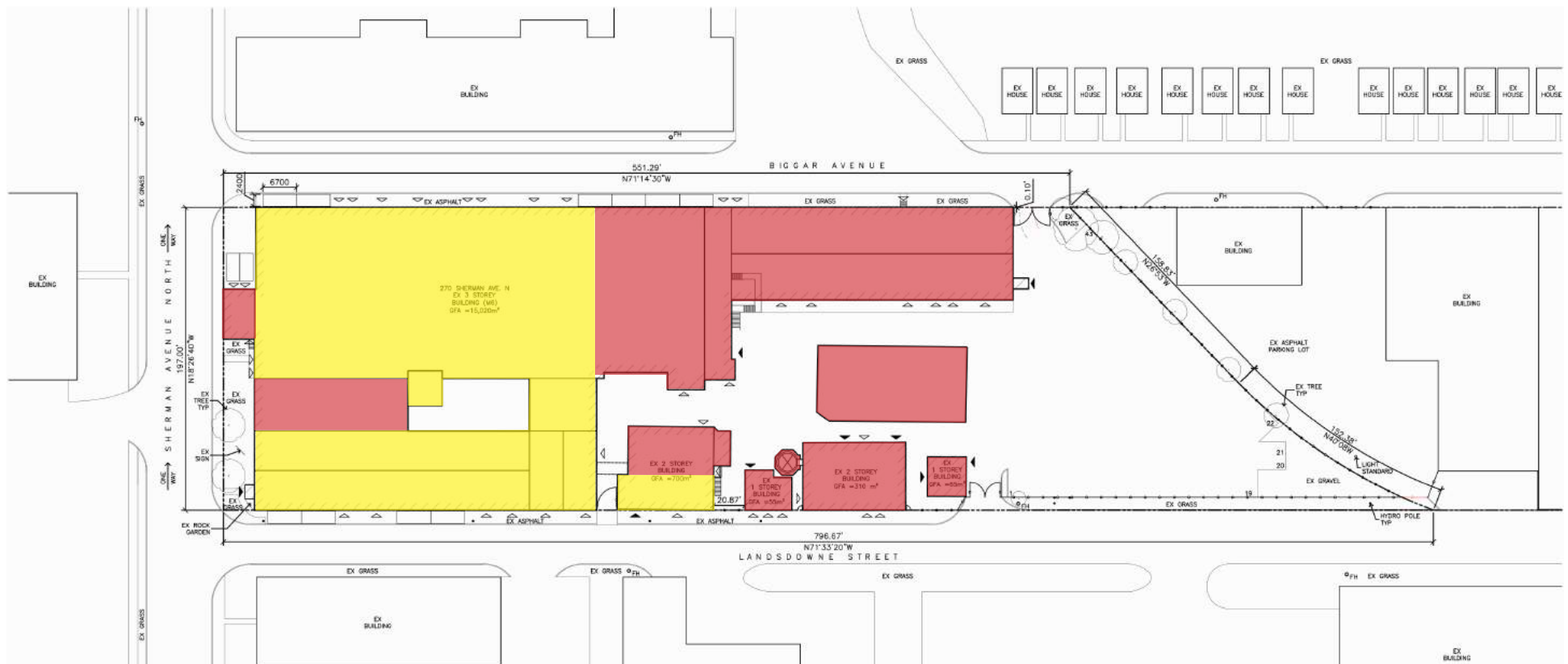


Figure 4.1 - Site Plan (NTS) by mcCallumSather

Legend

- Original Construction (1900)
- Buildings added/in filled (1933-1962)

Figure 4.2 - Site Plan (NTS) by mcCallumSather

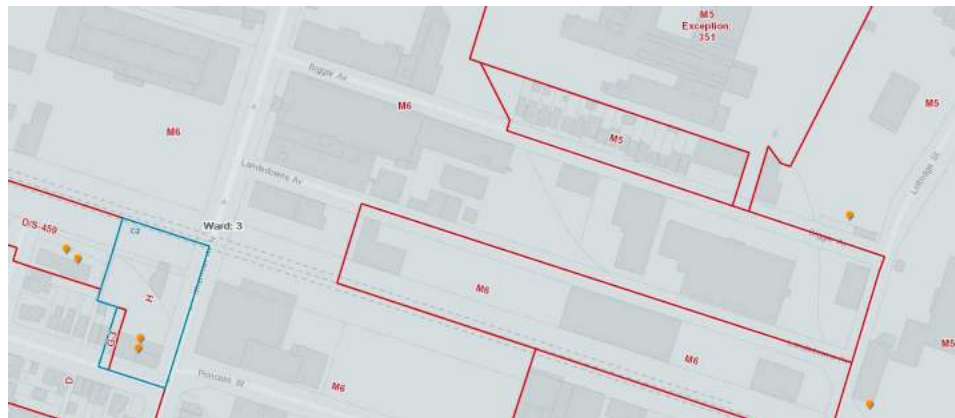


Figure 4.3 - Zoning Map

4.0 property description

The subject property municipally addressed 270 Sherman Ave N, in Ward 3, Zone M6 (Light Industrial), in Hamilton. The building complex contains 156,000 square-feet of useable space and situated on a approximately 3 acre parcel of land, located on the East side of Sherman in between Landsdowne Ave and Biggar Ave in South Sherman neighbourhood.

The complex is made of six main discrete buildings including the original 1900 structures and the 1962 additions which are currently described as: the mill building, office building, storehouse building, dyeworks, utility buildings and mill arts. Each building is rectangular in plan and is of brick construction ranging from one to three stories tall. The architecture style of the prominent tower suggests a Gothic influence, and was designed to compete with the other architects of the day. The Cotton Factory was built with brick and wood in the "slow burn" method as a means to protect the complex from total destruction as a result of fire. The tower housed most of the original machinery. The surrounding adjacent structures were used for sorting, painting, finishing, shipping waterproofing, and warehousing. The tall smoke stack was required for the original 3 coal-burning boilers which generated the electricity for the factory.

Given the complexity of the site, the physical characteristics will be described according by building to clearly identify the heritage attributes for the site as a whole.



Figure 4.4 West Elevation on Sherman Avenue North



Figure 4.5 North Elevation on Biggar Avenue



Figure 4.6 East Elevation



Figure 4.7 South Elevation



Figure 4.8 South East
All original openings with ranging enclosure from plywood, glass block, and wood replacement windows.



Figure 4.9 Courtyard
View to south elevation from courtyard. All original openings with plywood and glass block infill with aluminum picture windows.



Figure 4.10 Brick Detail
Damaged brick and poured concrete corner of garage



Figure 4.11
Connection between original Mill building office and addition



Figure 4.12 - Site Plan (NTS) by mcCallumSather



Figure 4.13 - Damage to original brick, possibly from vehicles entering/exiting garage.

Mill Building Description:

Exterior

- Rectangular footprint;
- Three-storeys;
- Red-brick, there are two distinct colours on the exterior of the north and west elevations. Level 1 brick looks lighter possibly from cleaning, and level 2 & 3 brick is darker (likely stained from pollution);
- Parged stone foundation;
- Shallow buttresses;
- Iron Tie Rod Anchor Plates (located where the shallow buttress at the exterior and interior floors meet);
- Large, arched, multi-paned windows that are typical of the gothic architecture to provide ample natural light into the large open interior spaces;
- Window frames are a combination of original wood frame and replaced aluminum in the 1950s, and in more recent years replacement with repaired and restored wood windows matching profiles and divisions;
- Several window openings have been enclosed with plywood, brick, metal and glass block;
- Projecting half-storey to accommodate elevator shaft;
- Tower including arched window openings, banding, dentil and crenelation details;
- Small one storey addition on west elevation;
- Fire escape on west elevation; and,
- Several window bays on the first-floor have been modified to accommodate man and vehicle doors.



Figure 4.15 - Exposed timber beam and ceiling

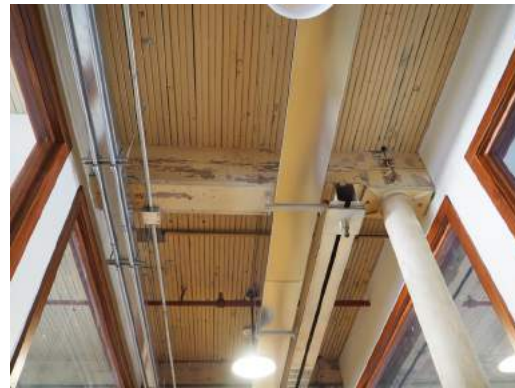


Figure 4.16 - High modern clerestory windows to create defined rooms for studios/offices and allow natural light



Figure 4.17 - Renovated into office space as part of adaptive reuse of the space



Figure 4.18 - Level 3: Large windows with 6 over 6 window panels, others with glass block infills



Figure 4.19 - Level 3: An interior wall that seems to be characteristic of an exterior envelope. It has similar character defining windows to those of the exterior and shows a progression of construction.



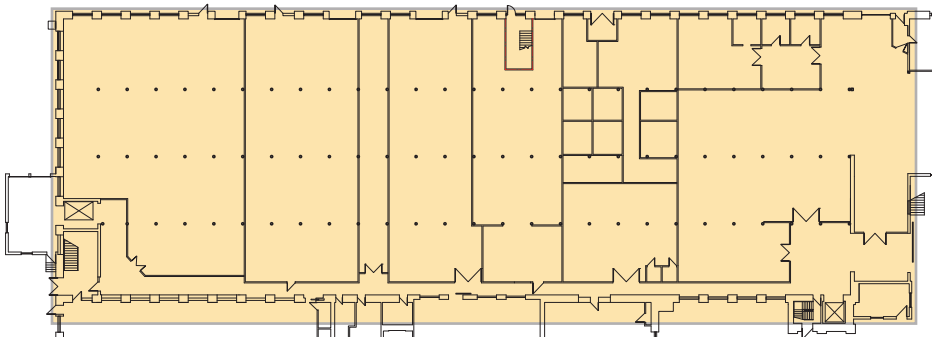


Figure 4.20 - Level 1 (NTS) by mcCallumSather

Interior

- Timber post and beam construction;
- Exposed wood floors and exposed wood ceiling;
- Interior walls with large modern clerestory windows which are part of an interior renovation;
- Some interior walls show progression of construction as they were once exterior envelope; and,
- Industrial fire doors speak to the same character as the one on the exterior (eg. Store House building).

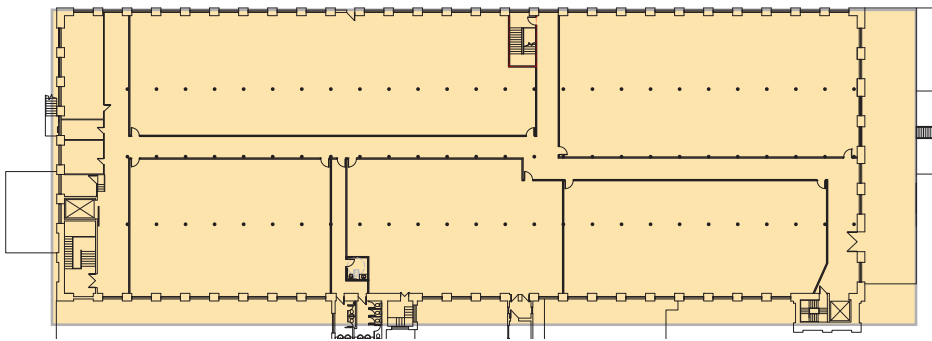


Figure 4.21 - Level 3 (NTS) by mcCallumSather



Figure 4.22 West Elevation



Figure 4.23 - South Elevation Detail

Level 2: Windows are of double hung type, and some window openings are filled in with brick.

Level 1: large window openings boarded up with wood panels

Poor parapet condition to Office Building. Passageway linking Office Building and Dye Works Building.



Figure 4.24 - North Elevation

Level 1 and 2: window repaired and restored with 12 panes on the 2nd floor and 8 over 12 panes on the 1st floor to their original character as seen in historic photographs.



Figure 4.25 South Elevation Photo stitch



Figure 4.26 Office Building Interiors



Figure 4.27 - Site Plan (NTS) by mcCallumSather

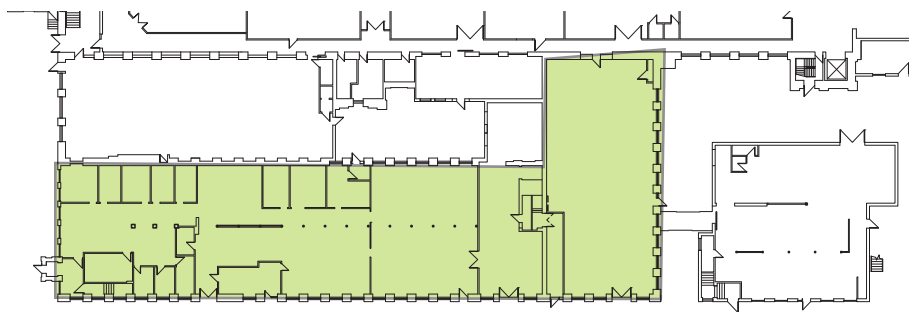


Figure 4.28 - Level 1 (NTS) by mcCallumSather

Office Building Description:

Exterior

- Part of original factory construction in 1900;
- Two-storey red-brick exterior;
- Parged stone foundation;
- Brick corbelling;
- Shallow buttressing, typical of a Gothic architecture influence;
- Parapet roofline on west elevation;
- Date stone "1900" in parapet;
- Arched, multi-paned windows, some with stone lintels, typical of Gothic architecture to allow natural light into large interior spaces;
- A number of windows on the ground floor of the south elevation are enclosed with wood or glass block;
- Several window openings on the south elevation have been modified to accommodate man and vehicle doors; and,
- There is a second storey enclosed pedestrian crossing between the office building and the Dye Works building.

Interior

- Construction - Timber beams (painted white) and metal posts;
- Exposed wood floors and painted wood ceilings in some areas;
- Most interiors are not original and have a range of finishes such as wood floors, carpet, tile, interior drywall partitions and doors;
- Exposed painted brick in some locations;
- Windows, several boarded up on 1st floor, some are operable. Second floor are fixed shut; and,
- Link to Mill building has exposed wood flooring and painted but exposed wood ceiling.

Figure 4.29- Dye Works Building Interiors



Exposed concrete ceiling (functioned as a 'wet floor' on Level 2) and steel beams.



Condition where building 1948 addition required reinforcing steel post.



Stone lintel visible from interior window ledge



1948 addition wall, filled in window with brick

Figure 4.30 - South Elevation



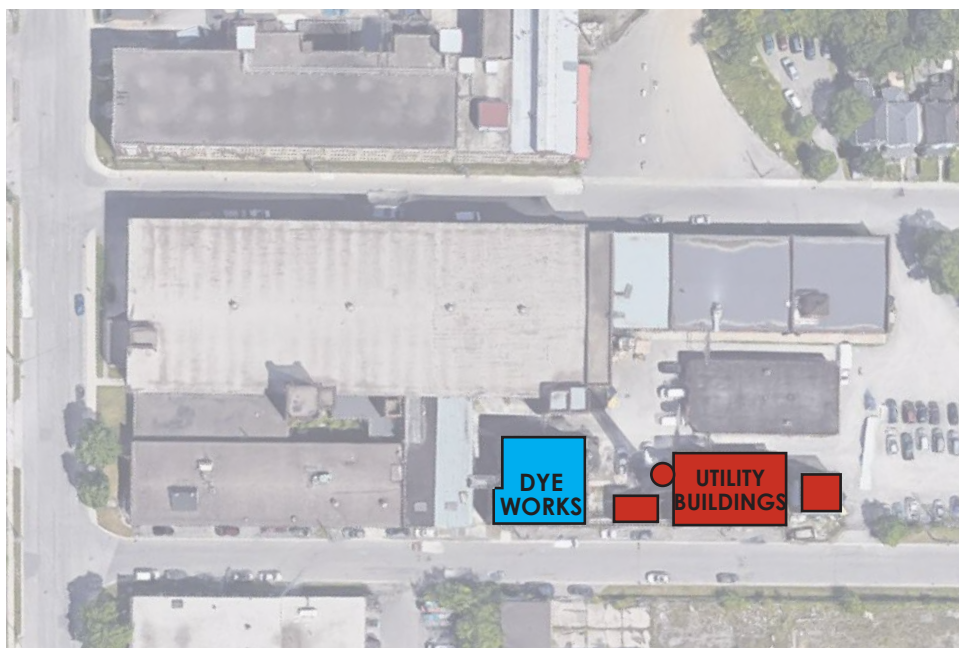


Figure 4.31 - Site Plan (NTS) by mcCallumSather



Figure 4.32 -One of two brick fireplaces in Dye Works

Source: mcCallumSather

The 2nd level concrete floor is a 'wet floor' and are sloped with multiple drains and were designed for working with liquid chemicals and dyes. Originally, this was where all the cotton was either dyed or waterproofed which had a high risk of fire. It was a built as a stand alone building to act as a fire break between it and the rest of the complex. In the 1920's, the waterproofing was moved out of the Dye Works building and wood floors were installed on the 2nd floor as the space converted to personnel and lunch rooms. -The Cotton Factory

Dye Works Description:

Exterior

- Two-storey red brick exterior, lighter colour of red-brick on the south elevation is probably as a result of cleaning;
- Brick banding near roofline;
- Two brick chimneys on east elevation;
- Arched window openings with stone lintels; and,
- Modern aluminum frame windows.

Interior

- Skylight windows have been painted black;
- Two Brick fireplaces;
- Wood flooring on Level 2;
- Board and Batten walls on Level 2;
- Drywall finish to wall and ceilings on Level 2;
- A combination of multi paneled windows and aluminum frame fixed windows;
- Concrete floor and exposed concrete ceiling; and,
- Steel post (reinforcing possibly from the addition of 1946) and steel beams.

Figure 4.33 - Utility Building 1 Exterior (left) and Interior (right)



This Utility building has brick corbelling. The large doors are characteristic of the site as they have similar factory style multipanel windows that reoccur through the surrounding buildings.

Exposed wood ceiling and painted brick

Figure 4.34 - Utility Building 2 (Hydro House) Exterior (left) and Interior (right)



North Elevation



Concrete Walls and ceiling

Figure 4.35 - Utility Building 3 (Mule Spinner) Exteriors (left) and Interiors (right)



Figure 4.36 - Brick is painted red



Figure 4.37 - Plywood used to cover window openings



Figure 4.38 - Timber post and beam



Figure 4.39 - Poor parapet condition



Figure 4.40 -This Utility Building housed the coal-boiler that operated the smoke stack.



Figure 4.41 -Smoke Stack

Utility Buildings Description:

Exterior

- Three rectangular utility buildings and the smoke stack;
- Ranging from one to two stories with red-brick exteriors;
- Red-brick banding along rooflines, including around the top of the smoke stack;
- Arched, multi-paned windows that are typical of the gothic architecture and large rectangular multi-paned windows;
- A number of the windows are boarded enclosed with wood;
- Window frames and glass, and garage doors are a combination of original wood frame, replaced aluminum from the 1950s and more recently replicated wood windows and doors; and,
- There are various pipes of unknown function which travel from the Dye Works building to the utility buildings.

Interior - Main Studio

- Boiler from 1984 (not original);
- Wood beams and exposed wood ceilings;
- Exposed brick walls; and,
- Filled in window with plywood.

Interior- Hydro House

- Concrete floors and ceiling;
- Concrete wall in the middle splitting the building in two; and,
- Operable windows, but some panels are broken.

Figure 4.38 - Store House Building Exteriors (left) and Interiors (right)



Figure 4.42 --Rail tracks



Figure 4.43 -East Elevation



Figure 4.44 - Exposed wood ceiling and wood flooring



Figure 4.45 - Operable arched windows

Figure 4.39 - Mill Arts Building Exterior (left) and Interiors (right)



Figure 4.46 - West Elevation



Figure 4.47 - East Elevation

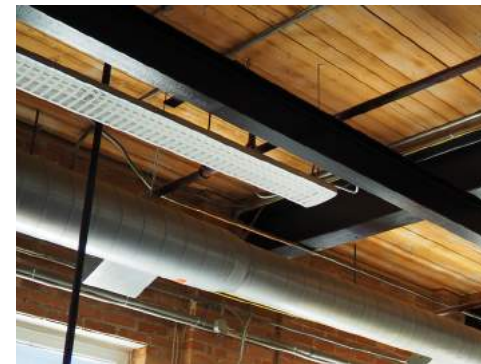


Figure 4.48 - Exposed steel beams and wood ceiling



Figure 4.49 - Site Plan (NTS) by mcCallumSather

Mill Arts Building (1946 addition) Description:

Exterior

- One storey red brick exterior; and,
- Rectangular window openings with modern aluminum windows.

Interior

- Steel post and steel beams; and,
- Wood flooring and exposed wood ceiling.

"Built in 1946, the Mill Arts Building was originally used for maintenance and took place of an old coal and waste house. The Mill Arts Building was the very first building to be adapted for reuse and has had creative professionals operating within, since the early 2000's."

-The Cotton Factory

Store House Building Description:

Exterior

- One-and-a-half stories to two-stories red brick exterior;
- Brick banding near roofline;
- Arched, multipaned windows with stone lintels, typical of Gothic architecture;
- Small arched window openings with stone lintels;
- A number of window are enclosed with wood;
- There is a combination of original windows, and more modern single panel windows;
- Two ground floor windows were modified to accommodate a man and vehicle door;
- High concrete platform on the south elevation;
- Bent strap sliding door on the south elevation; and,
- Iron tie rod anchor bolts.

Interior

- Most of the interior has been updated to have walls separating studio spaces, but retains the character of the exterior brick walls;
- Wood flooring;
- Industrial fire doors speak to the same character as the one on the exterior;
- Heavy timber beams have been painted on level 1; and
- Painted brick on level 1.



Figure 5.1 - (source: Workers' City) South side of Landsdowne Street, the old Dominion Belting Co.



Figure 5.2 (source: Workers' City)



Figure 5.3. (source: mcCallumSather)



Figure 5.4 (source: Cotton Factory)

5.0 cultural heritage evaluation

McCallum Sather gathered data employed from the city and library archives (maps, photos, publications etc), first hand observation from site visits and web sources such as online articles and google earth satellite imagery to analyze the site. With the information gathered, this report will answer the following questions as outlined by Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the *Ontario Heritage Act*:

Design or Physical Value

Style: is this notable, rare, representative, or unique example of a particular architectural style or type?

- The complex of buildings at 270 Sherman are representative of industrial architecture. The site is particularly notable for its scale as it encompasses five distinct buildings zones, and for representing a full range of industrial building in the . The Gothic influence in features such as the tower also contribute to its distinctive character.

Construction: Is this a notable, rare or unique example of a particular material or method of construction?

- The primary 'Mill' and office buildings are made up of timber post and beam construction. The materials are typical of the period and show a progression of building materials and methods of construction as the complex expanded over decades.
- The brick used to construct the buildings used the "slow burn" method

which proportioned individual members, such as beams, columns, etc., so that they retain strength enough to do the work required of them even after one-third of their bulk has been charred or burned. Instead of a large number of small pieces, as in balloon and braced frame construction, there is a small number of very large pieces in the slow-burning construction. This method of construction was first used only in factories and mills, it is now frequently applied in every form of wooden building, including residences and barns.

Design: Is this a particularly attractive or unique structure because of the merits of design, composition, craftsmanship or details? Does the structure demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement?

- The scale and composition create an elegant and interesting collection of industrial buildings spanning nearly 100 years. The industrial building complex is associated with other mills in the city including the Cannon Knitting Mills and the Copley factory. This combination of competing mills tells a rich story of industrial achievement.

Interior: Is the interior arrangement, finish, craftsmanship/details noteworthy?

- Exposed structure and finishes such as wood floors and ceiling are characteristic to industrial architecture and enable an understanding of building techniques through visible connections. There are also unique features such as the red steel fire doors, and custom metal treads within the stairwells throughout the complex.

Historical or Associative Value

Does this property or structure have strong associations with and/ or, contribute to the understanding of a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant or unique within the City?

- The building strongly connects to the rich history of knitting and textile mills in the region. It also relates well to the cluster of other industrial facilities that connect to the train infrastructure in Hamilton including the Westinghouse facilities and others along Burlington street.
- The buildings found within 270 Sherman's 'The Cotton Factory' form one of the most complete historic textile mill complexes remaining in the country.



Figure 5.7 - (source: mcCallumSather) The TH&B Railway came directly into the site. The high platform indicated that the Storage Warehouse operated directly adjacent to the rail.

- It's association with James M. Young who was the first President of Imperial Cotton Co. Ltd and built other textile facilities throughout Eastern Canada
- It's association with Architect Edmond Patterson who designed the first iteration of the complex and was related to John Patterson of the '5 Johns' who funded the original company.
- The building associates with the manufacturing of the sailcloth for the iconic Canadian Bluenose.
- The association with the '5 Johns' and Hamilton's 'Industrial Age' brought many manufacturers and industries, like the Imperial Cotton Company, to the city.

Is the original, previous or existing use significant?

- The connections to the Textile industry is significant to the development of Hamilton as it was the second largest industry after steel.

Does the property meet the definition as identified in the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement as of a significant built heritage resource which is "a building, structure, monument, installation and/or manufactured remnant that contributes to a property's cultural heritage value or interest as identified by a community" or, cultural heritage landscape of which industrial complexes and main streets are listed as examples.

- As an industrial building complex, 270 Sherman satisfies this criteria.

Contextual Value

Continuity: Does this structure contribute to the continuity or character of the street, neighborhood or area?

- The building is located within a warehouse and industrial district sharing many of the physical and contextual relationships of a building constructed in this era and for this use. Like many other industrial buildings, it is in close proximity to a residential area where factory workers typically lived.

Setting: Is the setting or orientation of the structure or landscaping noteworthy?

- The building was likely oriented to address the railway tracks which ran through the site specifically in front of the Store House.

Landmark: Is this a particularly important landmark within the region, city or neighborhood?

- Historically it was significant due to size and scale and its connection to other textile leaders. More recently it has become a prominent artists' hub in the City of Hamilton. It acts as a physical landmark as its tower and smokestack are some of the only vertical elements in the neighbourhood.

Completeness: Does this structure have other original outbuildings, notable landscaping or exterior features that complete the site?

- Yes, the site has other buildings (original and added on over the years) that follow the same exterior features including the smokestack and tower that complete and unite the site as a whole.

Integrity

Site: Does this structure occupy its original site?

- The timber post and beam structure, and brick construction is original to the site.

Alterations: Does this building retain most of its original materials and design features? Is this a notable structure due to sympathetic alterations that have taken place over time?

- Yes, the building has an organic additive nature to it through the early 20th century and so it retains all of the original materials and design features. In fact, it is notable that the windows for all of the buildings follow the same industrial style windows with the same voussoir style, the same brick running bond on the facade. It should be noted that the current owner has been an excellent steward of the site by repairing and replacing historic windows and other features in keeping with good heritage practice. Additionally, interior renovation appears to be reversible and respects the buildings patina and original character.

Condition: Is this building in good condition?

- Yes, the brick is in good condition for the most part, with a few areas for repair that have a spalling of brick, mortar washout and parapet details should be reviewed with roofing and drainage as the site continues to be renovated.

Ontario Regulation 9/06

Design or Physical Value - the property...	
is a rare, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method	✓
displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit	X
demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.	X
Historical or Associative Value - the property...	
has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community,	✓
yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture, or	✓
demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.	✓
Contextual Value - the property...	
it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area,	✓
is physically, functionally, visually or historically linking to its surroundings, or	✓
is a landmark	✓

6.0 statement of cultural heritage value or interest

The building at 270 Sherman Avenue North currently has no heritage status but is on City of Hamilton's *Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and/or Historical Interest*. Using Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, we identified that at 270 Sherman Ave with its collection of industrial facilities satisfies the 'Reasons to Designate' criteria.

HERITAGE VALUE

The Cotton Factory, municipally known as 270 Sherman Avenue North is a former industrial complex that consists of a combination of one to three storey early 20th century buildings built with a Gothic architectural influence. The complex is situated on an approximately 3 acre parcel of land located on the east side of Sherman Avenue North between Landsdowne Street and Biggar Street in an industrial area within the City of Hamilton.

DESIGN / PHYSICAL VALUE

The Cotton factory has design and physical value as a representative example of a turn-of-the-century industrial building with Gothic architectural influence. While the complex consists of a patchwork of buildings, the Gothic style of influence is apparent throughout in the symmetrical rhythm of the building elevations, shallow buttressing, and the large, arched, multi-paned windows. The interior of the mill building demonstrates the typical industrial construction of the time using metal posts and timber beams to create large open spaces.

HISTORIC / ASSOCIATIVE

The industrial complex was constructed in 1900 for the Imperial Cotton Company due to the collaborative efforts of a Yarmourth bookkeeper (name unknown), investment of the '5 Johns', access of the land by John Patterson, architectural design of Edmond Patterson, and direction of James M. Young as its first President. The Imperial Cotton Company specialized in heavy duct cotton, used for items such as boat sails and building awnings. Orders were taken from all over the world using telegraphic code. The Imperial Cotton Company had its own codebook to simplify orders. Classes of cotton duck manufactured were "once & sail", "harvester" & "hydraulic", "hose, bootleg and tennis", and "filter and press". Archival records show that the Imperial Cotton Company manufactured the sailcloth of the iconic Canadian Bluenose. In 1924 the Imperial Cotton Company was amalgamated with a Nova Scotia firm also owned by the Young Family, to form the Cosmos-Imperial Cotton Company. The company is also associated with a network of other factories controlled by the same ownership across Canada and the United States.

CONTEXTUAL VALUE

The Cotton Factory is a landmark as its' smoke stack and tower are some of the few vertical elements in the North End of Hamilton. The building is located in close proximity to other industrial buildings that developed in the neighbourhood due to its proximity outside the city centre and connections to rail. The Textile industry in Hamilton in the early 20th century is functionally and historically linked to its surroundings. It employed more than 300 workers, mainly women, and it can be assumed that the residential area developed around the factory to house the workers.

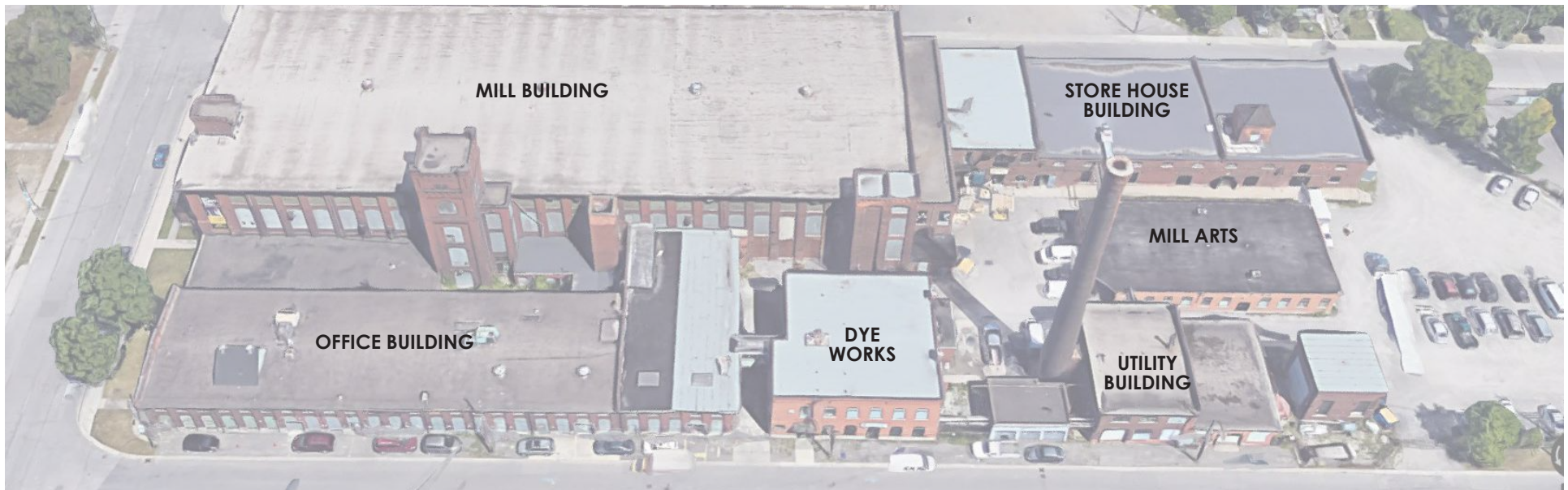


Figure 6.1 - (source: Google Maps) 270 Sherman Complex South View

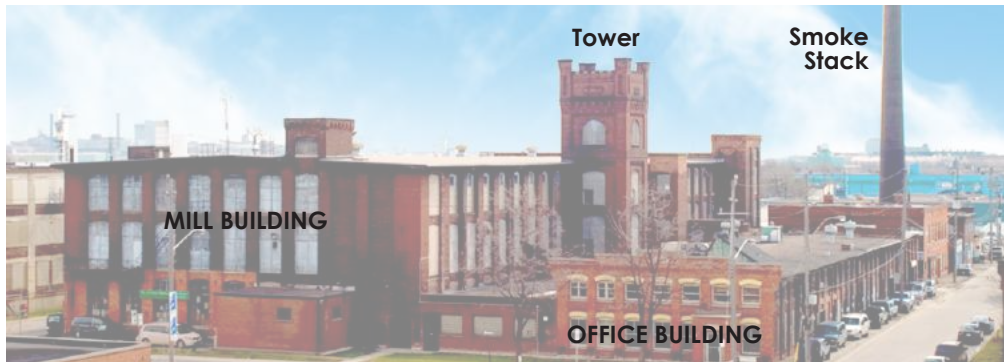


Figure 6.2- Site and Exterior: View from Sherman illustrating its organic layout



Figure 6.3 - Smoke Stack



Figure 6.4- Mill Interiors: Original post and beam construction, wood floors and ceilings, original metal doors.

HERITAGE DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The cultural heritage value of the Cotton Factory, known as 270 Sherman Avenue North resides in the following heritage attributes that are related to the Industrial, Gothic influenced style and the complex's industrial use and context including:

Site:

- Varied rooflines with heights ranging from one to three-stories;
- Rectangular plans of buildings;
- Organic layout of buildings to accommodate the function of the original and evolved industrial use;
- Proximity to railway line;
- Tower including window openings and corbeling, bracketing and crenelation details;
- Smoke stack including corbeling; and,
- High concrete platform on south elevation of the Store House.

Exterior:

- Red brick construction;
- Brick corbelling;
- Original window and door openings included brick voussoirs and stone sills;
- Original wood windows where they exist;
- Bays separated by shallow buttressing;
- Iron tie rod anchor plates (located where the buttress and interior floors meet); and,
- Original wood doors where they exist.

Interior:

- Timber post and beam construction where it exists;
- Original wood floors and exposed wood ceilings where they exist; and,
- Original metal fire doors of the interior.

8.0 bibliography

REFERENCES:

Baskerville, P. A. (2012, October 22). Great Western Railway. Retrieved May 25, 2018, from <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/great-western-railway/>

Building. (n.d.). Retrieved May 25, 2018, from <http://270sherman.ca/building/>

Building. (2016, July). Retrieved May 18, 2018, from <http://cottonfactory.ca/building/>.

Coleman, J. (2017, July 25). New Owners Begin Work on Westinghouse Building, One of the Boarded Jewels of Hamilton. *The Public Record*. Retrieved May 25, 2018, from <https://www.thepublicrecord.ca/2017/07/new-owners-begin-work-on-westinghouse-building-one-of-the-boarded-jewels-of-hamilton/>

Houghton, M. (Ed.). (2012). *Vanished Hamilton IV*. Burlington, Ont.: North Shore Publishing.

Slow-Burning Construction. Retrieved June 13, 2018, from <http://chestofbooks.com/architecture/Building-Construction-V2/Slow-Burning-Construction.html>

Stiver, H. (2014, April 5). Cannon Knitting Mill, Ontario's Old Mills. Retrieved May 25, 2018, from <http://www.ontfin.com/Word/cannon-knitting-mill-hamilton/>

The A. V. Young Era at Auchmar. (2012, August). Retrieved May 25, 2018, from <http://www.friendsofauchmar.ca/history/youngs/>

WAHC. (2015). Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway. Retrieved May 25, 2018,

from <http://workerscity.ca/19th-century-industry/toronto-hamilton-buffalo/>

WAHC. (2015). Imperial Cotton Company Ltd. Retrieved May 25, 2018, from <http://workerscity.ca/20th-century-industry/cosmos-imperial-mills/>
Weaver, J. C. (2012, October 22). Hamilton. Retrieved May 25, 2018, from <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/hamilton/>

Wilson, P. (2018, March 06). Copley building still standing in downtown Hamilton ... let's keep it that way. *The Hamilton Spectator*. Retrieved March 25, 2018, from <https://www.thespec.com/opinion-story/8298663-copley-building-still-standing-in-downtown-hamilton-let-s-keep-it-that-way/>

PHOTO SOURCES:

The Copley Building [Photograph found in Local History & Archives, Hamilton Public Library, Hamilton]. (n.d.). Retrieved May 25, 2018, from <https://www.thespec.com/opinion-story/8298663-copley-building-still-standing-in-downtown-hamilton-let-s-keep-it-that-way/>

Insurance Plan of the City of Hamilton Volume 2. [Photograph]. (1914, March). Local History & Archives, Hamilton Public Library, Hamilton.

Insurance Plan of the City of Hamilton Volume 2. [Photograph]. (1933, April). Local History & Archives, Hamilton Public Library, Hamilton.

Insurance Plan of the City of Hamilton Volume 2. [Photograph]. (1962, November). Local History & Archives, Hamilton Public Library, Hamilton.

East side of Sherman Avenue North between Landsdowne Street and Biggar Avenue [Photograph found in Hamilton]. (2015). Retrieved May 25, 2018, from <http://workerscity.ca/20th-century-industry/cosmos-imperial-mills/>

(1895) [Photograph found in Hamilton]. (2015). Retrieved May 25, 2018, from <http://workerscity.ca/19th-century-industry/toronto-hamilton-buffalo/>

The Cotton Factory [Photograph found in Hamilton]. (n.d.). Retrieved May 25, 2018, from <http://cottonfactory.ca/building/>

The Canadian Westinghouse Company Building [Photograph found in The Public Record, Hamilton]. (n.d.). Retrieved May 25, 2018, from <https://www.thepublicrecord.ca/2017/07/new-owners-begin-work-on-westinghouse-building-one-of-the-boarded-jewels-of-hamilton/>

The Cotton Factory [mcCallumSather photograph taken in 270 Sherman Avenue North]. (2018, May 07).

Ross, F. (1972). *A 30-Year employee of the Cosmos Imperial Mills* [Photograph]. Baldwin Collection, Toronto Star Archives, Hamilton.

Great Western Workshop [Photograph]. (2012, October 22). *The Canadian Encyclopedia*, Hamilton In P. A. Baskerville (Author).

Cotton Mill [Photograph
<https://dundasmuseum.ca/collections/visual-database/cotton-mill/>

Hamilton Cotton Company (Photograph
<http://workerscity.ca/20th-century-industry/hamilton-cotton-company/>

9.0 heritage personnel

CV & QUALIFICATIONS

Director

Drew Hauser

Hons. Vis. Arts, B.Arch., OAA, MRAIC, CAHP

P 905.526.6700 x224

drewh@mccallumsather.com

Architect

Christina Karney

M. Arch, OAA, CAHP Intern, LEED AP

P 905.526.6700 x243

christinak@mccallumsather.com

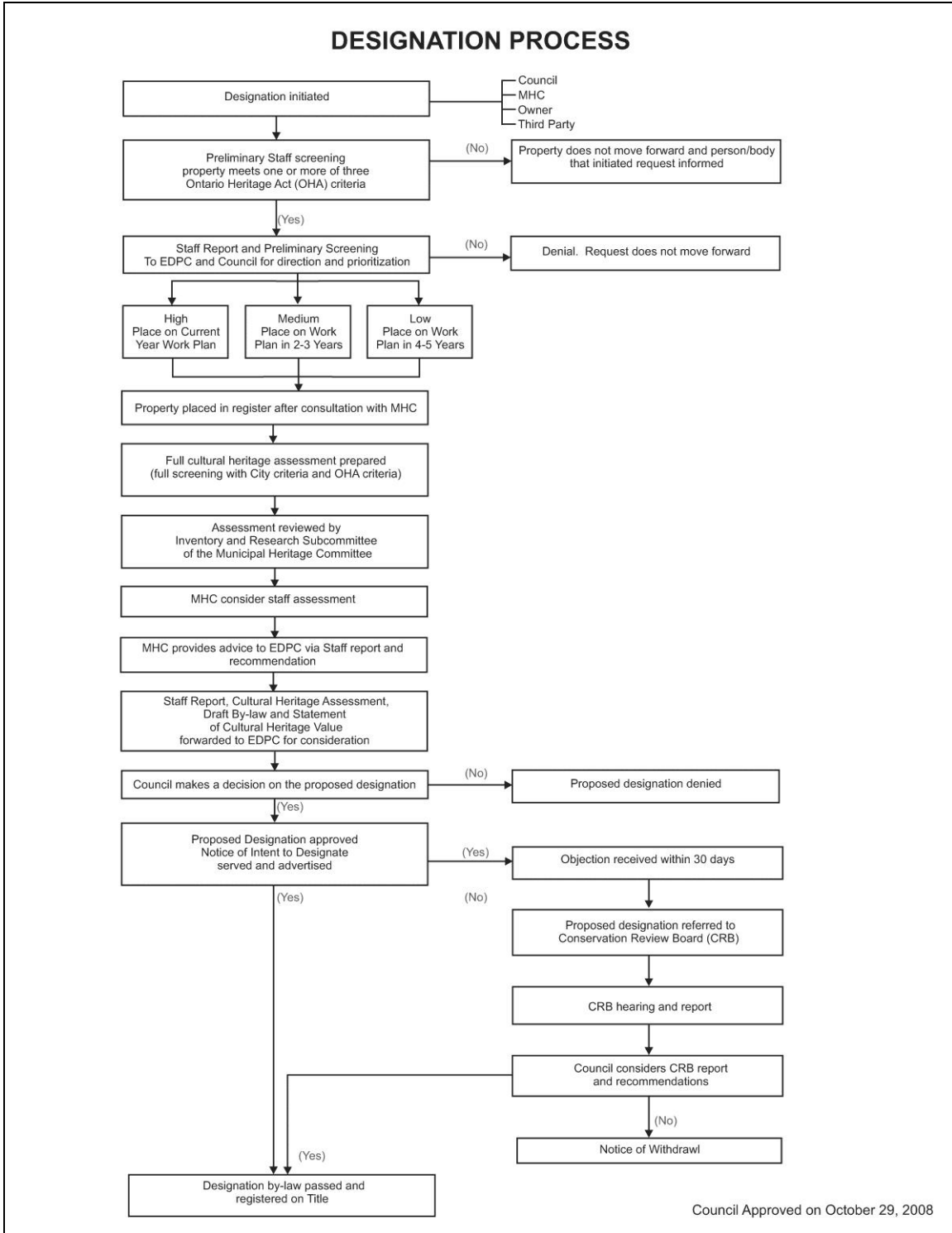
Architectural Assistant

Shaili Chauhan

BEDS, M. Arch (2019)

P 905.526.6700 x231

shailic@mccallumsather.com

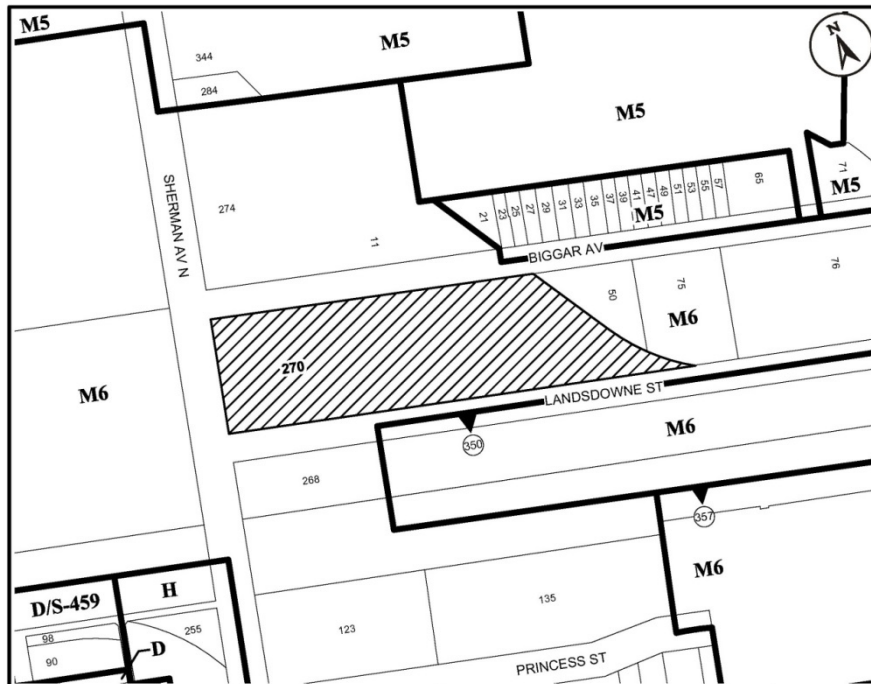




Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act PED18167 (Ward 3)

Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee
July 19, 2018

Location



● Site Location



Key Map - Ward 3

N.T.S.

Location Map



PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Name/Number: PED18XXX Date: June 20, 2018

Appendix "A" Scale: N.T.S. Planner/Technician: CT/AL

Subject Property
 270 Sherman Avenue North

Background

- Property is currently included on the Inventory of Building's of Historical and/or Architectural Interest;
- The property owner is seeking designation and has submitted a Cultural Heritage Assessment completed by mcCallumSather Architects



Aerial Image (USDA FSA, Digital Globe, GeoEye, CNES/Airbus DS)

Historical Background

- The Cotton Factory was originally constructed in 1900 for the “Imperial Cotton Company”;
- Original buildings are one to three stories in height;
- A number of additions until the 1960s

Figure 3.10: Site Evolution Diagram



Legend

source: Google Maps

- Original Construction (1900)
- Buildings added/in filled (between 1933-1962)



From: Heritage Cultural Assessment by mcCallumSather, Page 8

Historical Background

- A bookkeeper from a cotton duck mill in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia came to Hamilton 1887 to open a rival company
- Contacted John Patterson who already owned the land and his brother Edmond Patterson was the site architect
- James M. Young was the first President of Imperial Cotton Company
- 1924 the Imperial Cotton Company was merged with the Cosmos Cotton Mills from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and site functioned under the Cosmos-Imperial Mills Limited until 1958



Source: Hamilton Public Library Archives, c.1924



Source: Cotton Factory

Relevant Consultation

- Given the need to get this recommendation in front of Council with enough time for them to pass a by-law before Council stops meeting during the election period, the recommendations of this report were not presented to the Inventory and Research working group, as such, this meeting will constitute appropriate consultation with the Municipal Heritage Committee under the *Ontario Heritage Act*
- Staff advised the Ward Councillor of this recommendation to designate and as of the writing of this report, the Councillor has not expressed any concerns

Mill Complex



Figure 6.1 - (source: Google Maps) 270 Sherman Complex South View

Source: Heritage Cultural Assessment by mcCallumSather Architects, Page32

Cultural Heritage Evaluation for Heritage Designation

The property was found to meet seven of the nine criteria in *Ontario Regulation 9/06*.

Design / Physical Value:

- i. The property is a representative example of a complete historic textile mill in the Gothic interpretation of industrial architecture.
- ii. The property does not demonstrate a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
- iii. The property does not demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.



North elevation of Mill Building

Cultural Heritage Evaluation for Heritage Designation

Historical / Associative Value:

- i. The property does have direct associations with the early textile industry in Hamilton as it was the third textile mill constructed in Hamilton and continued to serve in the industry until 1958.
- ii. The property does have the potential to yield information about Hamilton's textile industry.
- iii. The property does reflect the work of architect Edmond Patterson who is attributed to the design of the original 1900 industrial complex. Edmond Patterson was a local architect who specialized in industrial buildings, private residences and walk-up apartment blocks. Examples of Edmond Patterson's work include the brick Turbine Hall at Decew Falls near St. Catharines and the Transformer Station for the power company that used to be on Victoria Avenue North, Hamilton.

Cultural Heritage Evaluation for Heritage Designation

Contextual Value :

- i. The property is considered to have contextual value as it defines, maintains and supports the industrial character of the area.
- ii. The property is considered to be physically, functionally and historically linked to its surroundings. Located in an early industrial area in Hamilton, the Cotton Factory supported Hamilton's early industrial history. Furthermore, the location and configuration of the site were functionally laid out to support the textile manufacturing around the railway line that at one time entered onto the property.
- iii. The property is considered a landmark due to its physical size, completeness of an early industrial complex and the tower and smokestack that are visually prominent in the area.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Heritage Attributes

The cultural heritage value of the Cotton Factory, known as 270 Sherman Avenue North, resides in the following heritage attributes that are related to the Industrial, Gothic influenced style and the complex's industrial use and context including (excluding the 1946 addition between the Mill and Office Buildings):

Landscape Attributes:

- Organic layout of buildings to accommodate the function of the original and evolved industrial use;
- Proximity to railway line; and,
- High concrete platform on south elevation of the Store House.



Source: Heritage Cultural Assessment by mcCallumSather Architects

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Heritage Attributes

Exterior Attributes:

- Rectangular shape of buildings;
- Red brick construction;
- Varied rooflines with heights ranging from one to three stories;
- Brick corbelling;
- Original window and door openings including brick voussoirs and stone sills;
- Original wood windows where they exist;
- Bays separated by shallow buttressing;
- Iron tie rod anchor plates (located where the buttress and interior floors meet);
- Original wood doors where they exist;
- Tower including window openings and corbeling, bracketing and crenelation details; and,
- Smoke stack including corbeling.



Source: Heritage Cultural Assessment by mcCallumSather Architects

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Heritage Attributes

Interior Attributes:

- Timber post and beam construction where it exists;
- Original wood floors and exposed wood ceilings where they exist; and,
- Original metal fire doors of the interior.



Source: Heritage Cultural Assessment by mcCallumSather Architects

Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North (Cotton Factory) Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act PED18167 (Ward 3)

Conclusion:

- Subject property meets seven of nine criteria for designation under Ontario Regulation 9/06
- As such, staff recommend the subject property be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*
- Designation will allow the City to thoughtfully consider any alterations to the attributes identified as having cultural heritage value.



South Elevation of Complex. Source: Heritage Cultural Assessment by mcCallum Sather Architects

Additional Recommendations in the Cultural Heritage Assessment by mcCallumSather

1. Construction activities shall be planned to avoid impact to identified cultural heritage resources.
2. The City of Hamilton Heritage staff provide a Heritage Permit for similar ongoing window conservation work under the current ownership as part of the property's long-term conservation and maintenance program.
3. The City of Hamilton Heritage staff provide a Heritage Permit for minor masonry work under the current ownership as part of the property's long-term conservation and maintenance program.
4. The infill between the original Mill and the Office buildings and the front loading dock addition (approximately 1946) not be considered as part of the heritage designation as they have no heritage value.
5. Should future work require an expansion and / or renovation to the property of 270 Sherman Ave N., a qualified heritage consultant shall be engaged to mitigate any potential impacts of the proposed work on potential cultural heritage resources.
6. Any significant conservation work beyond general building repair, the applicant must consult with the City of Hamilton's Heritage staff to confirm requirements and the approval process.

Recommendation to Designate 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton (Cotton Factory) Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act PED18167 (Ward 3)

Thank you.

Jul 04, 2018 by [Mac Christie \(/flamborough-on-author/mac-christie/8198C7AE-0ADE-47E0-B445-BBD7BD4D4C87/\)](mailto:mchristie@flamboroughreview.com)  [Flamborough Review](mailto:mchristie@flamboroughreview.com)

Numerous Flamborough heritage property owners were honoured for their contributions to the conservation restoration and preservation of the community's built heritage at the 2017-18 Hamilton municipal heritage committee's (HMHC) Heritage Recognition Awards June 21.

The event, hosted at Waterdown's Memorial Hall, was hosted by HMHC chairperson Alissa Denham-Robinson and Ward 15 Coun. Judi Partridge. Mayor Fred Eisenberger was also present at the ceremony.

Denham-Robinson said the committee was created to highlight the "good news stories" related to heritage buildings.

"What we try to do is focus on the homeowner that's taken care of their property for 50 years," she said. "The commercial business that's in a heritage building that has taken care of that property and maintains it.

"We hold these awards to highlight those success stories, those good news stories ... to really highlight the fact that it takes a lot of love for a building, sweat, tears and money," she continued. "We know what it takes to maintain a heritage building and we want to celebrate that."

Among the Flamborough award winners was the Waterdown Mill Street heritage district committee who received a Heritage Group, Society or Specialty Team Award for their conservation efforts.

"They are tremendous stewards of our core," said Partridge. "I'm just absolutely thrilled."

Committee member Andy MacLaren said he and his wife Denise were drawn to Waterdown because of a passion for heritage. He noted the couple has owned two homes in the district.

"We want to preserve, not just the district, but also the core," he said. "It's all about heritage and preserving the Waterdown core.

"There's a lot of construction and growth in Waterdown and the main core — we try to keep it the same small-town kind of feel." Waterdown District High School history teacher and author Nathan Tidridge, also received an Education in Heritage Award.

As well, two Waterdown property owners were awarded Heritage Property Conservation Awards, including brothers Andrew, Nathan and Nick Brown for their work restoring the former East Flamborough Township Hall at 25 Mill St. N., as well as Jill and Ken Hill for their work at the Slater House, located at 76 Mill St. N.

Jill said the couple have had the honour of living in the Slater House for 20 years.

"Living in a heritage home certainly has its challenges," she said. "If you live in a heritage home, your work will never end — there's always something that needs to be done."

She noted you won't find the joy and the charm of a heritage home in a new build.

"When you have the privilege of owning a piece of heritage property, it comes with an absolute need to preserve that heritage," she said. "It is worth every torn muscle, every broken fingernail and every drained bank account."

Waterdown's Memorial Hall also received a Making Heritage Accessible Award for the elevator and accessible washroom upgrades.

As well, two Waterdown developers were awarded Heritage Property Developer Recognition Awards.

Ralph Naccarato was honoured for the purchase and restoration of multiple heritage properties — including 5 Mill St. S. — the former Weeks Hardware building — and the McGregor House at 49 Main St. N.

As well, Don Husack of Dawn Victoria Homes received the award for the purchase and restoration of multiple heritage properties — including the Tea at the White House building at 297 Dundas St. E. and the Crooker House at 299 Dundas St. E.

Numerous Flamborough heritage property owners were honoured for their contributions to the conservation restoration and preservation of the community's built heritage at the 2017-18 Hamilton municipal heritage committee's (HMHC) Heritage Recognition Awards June 21.

The event, hosted at Waterdown's Memorial Hall, was hosted by HMHC chairperson Alissa Denham-Robinson and Ward 15 Coun. Judi Partridge. Mayor Fred Eisenberger was also present at the ceremony.

Denham-Robinson said the committee was created to highlight the "good news stories" related to heritage buildings.

"What we try to do is focus on the homeowner that's taken care of their property for 50 years," she said. "The commercial business that's in a heritage building that has taken care of that property and maintains it.

When you have the privilege of owning a piece of heritage property, it comes with an absolute need to preserve that heritage,." — Jill Hill

"We hold these awards to highlight those success stories, those good news stories ... to really highlight the fact that it takes a lot of love for a building, sweat, tears and money," she continued. "We know what it takes to maintain a heritage building and we want to celebrate that."

Among the Flamborough award winners was the Waterdown Mill Street heritage district committee who received a Heritage Group, Society or Specialty Team Award for their conservation efforts.

"They are tremendous stewards of our core," said Partridge. "I'm just absolutely thrilled."

Committee member Andy MacLaren said he and his wife Denise were drawn to Waterdown because of a passion for heritage. He noted the couple has owned two homes in the district.

"We want to preserve, not just the district, but also the core," he said. "It's all about heritage and preserving the Waterdown core.

"There's a lot of construction and growth in Waterdown and the main core — we try to keep it the same small-town kind of feel." Waterdown District High School history teacher and author Nathan Tidridge, also received an Education in Heritage Award.

As well, two Waterdown property owners were awarded Heritage Property Conservation Awards, including brothers Andrew, Nathan and Nick Brown for their work restoring the former East Flamborough Township Hall at 25 Mill St. N., as well as Jill and Ken Hill for their work at the Slater House, located at 76 Mill St. N.

Jill said the couple have had the honour of living in the Slater House for 20 years.

"Living in a heritage home certainly has its challenges," she said. "If you live in a heritage home, your work will never end — there's always something that needs to be done."

She noted you won't find the joy and the charm of a heritage home in a new build.

“When you have the privilege of owning a piece of heritage property, it comes with an absolute need to preserve that heritage,” she said. “It is worth every torn muscle, every broken fingernail and every drained bank account.”

Waterdown’s Memorial Hall also received a Making Heritage Accessible Award for the elevator and accessible washroom upgrades.

As well, two Waterdown developers were awarded Heritage Property Developer Recognition Awards.

Ralph Naccarato was honoured for the purchase and restoration of multiple heritage properties — including 5 Mill St. S. — the former Weeks Hardware building — and the McGregor House at 49 Main St. N.

As well, Don Husack of Dawn Victoria Homes received the award for the purchase and restoration of multiple heritage properties — including the Tea at the White House building at 297 Dundas St. E. and the Crooker House at 299 Dundas St. E.

by [Mac Christie \(/flamborough-on-author/Mac-Christie/8198c7ae-0ade-47e0-b445-bbd7bd4d4c87/\)](#)

Mac Christie is a reporter with the Flamborough Review.

Email: mchristie@flamboroughreview.com
<mailto:mchristie@flamboroughreview.com> [Facebook](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/FlamboroughReview/?fref=ts> [Twitter](#)

https://twitter.com/mac_christie

Ministre de l'Environnement et
du Changement climatique



Minister of Environment
and Climate Change

JUN 26 2018

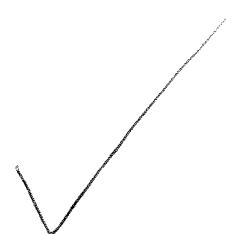
Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H3

JUL 03 2018

His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

Ms. Alissa Denham-Robinson
Chair, Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5



Dear Mr. Mayor and Ms. Denham-Robinson:

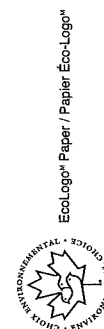
Thank you for your correspondence of February 15, 2018, regarding the report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, *Preserving Canada's Heritage: The Foundation for Tomorrow*, and the Committee's recommendation to establish a tax credit for the conservation of heritage buildings.

The Government of Canada is committed to responding to the recommendations contained in the report as part of its ongoing commitment to protecting Canada's heritage places. The Committee's 17 recommendations are ambitious and go beyond conserving the heritage places administered by the federal government.

The report highlights a number of challenges and opportunities that will require a thorough review and engagement with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, Indigenous partners, and heritage stakeholders. In the Government Response tabled on March 23, 2018, I committed to considering each of the report's recommendations carefully, and to providing the Committee with a recommendation by recommendation response in December 2018.

As matters of tax policy fall under the purview of the Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance, to whom you have already sent a copy of your correspondence, I have taken the liberty of forwarding to him a copy of this response and trust that he will give all due consideration to this question.

.../2



- 2 -

I appreciate you taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Bill Morneau, P.C., M.P.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

JUL 12 2018

REF'D TO Council Aug 18

REF'D TO HERITAGE COMMITTEE

REF'D TO L. ROUAR

S. ROBICHAUD

ACTION _____

UPDATE: Fire Marshal investigating early-morning George Street blaze

News 08:26 AM The Hamilton Spectator

The Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal has been called to investigate an early-morning, multiple-alarm fire that caused extensive damage to a downtown Hamilton home.

Emergency crews were called to 74 George St., between Hess and Caroline streets south, for reports of smoke around 12:23 a.m. and found a "well involved" and fire at the back of the two-storey home, said Hamilton Fire chief fire prevention officer Bob Simpson. There was heavy smoke and flames that extended from the basement to the roof.

There were initial reports that someone could be inside, so the first firefighters on scene began an aggressive search, he said. No one was found and it was later discovered that all three occupants had fled prior to firefighters' arrival. No one was injured.

The fire was upgraded to a multiple-alarm, calling in more crews from across Hamilton.

The house is a middle unit in a row of three, with firefighters attacking the blaze from inside all three units. It took about 45 minutes to bring the "aggressive" fire under control, Simpson said.

The house sustained extensive damage and the adjoining units of 72 and 72 George St. sustained smoke and water damage.

Damage was initially estimated around \$350,000, but the exact figure is not yet clear.

The OFM has been called in to investigate the cause of the fire.

Hamilton police and fire are expected to remain on scene Wednesday morning. The Red Cross has also been called to assist those displaced find somewhere else to stay.

UPDATE: Fire Marshal investigating early-morning George Street blaze

No one was injured in a fire that gutted the back of a home near Hess Village

News 08:26 AM The Hamilton Spectator

The Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal has been called to investigate an early-morning, multiple-alarm fire that caused extensive damage to a downtown Hamilton home.

Emergency crews were called to 74 George St., between Hess and Caroline streets south, for reports of smoke around 12:23 a.m. and found a "well involved" and fire at the back of the two-storey home, said Hamilton Fire chief fire prevention officer Bob Simpson. There was heavy smoke and flames that extended from the basement to the roof.

There were initial reports that someone could be inside, so the first firefighters on scene began an aggressive search, he said. No one was found and it was later discovered that all three occupants had fled prior to firefighters' arrival. No one was injured.

The fire was upgraded to a multiple-alarm, calling in more crews from across Hamilton.

The house is a middle unit in a row of three, with firefighters attacking the blaze from inside all three units. It took about 45 minutes to bring the "aggressive" fire under control, Simpson said.

The house sustained extensive damage and the adjoining units of 72 and 72 George St. sustained smoke and water damage.

Damage was initially estimated around \$350,000, but the exact figure is not yet clear.

The OFM has been called in to investigate the cause of the fire.

Hamilton police and fire are expected to remain on scene Wednesday morning. The Red Cross has also been called to assist those displaced find somewhere else to stay.



UPDATE: Fire Marshal investigating early-morning George Street blaze

No one was injured in a fire that gutted the back of a home near Hess Village

News 08:26 AM The Hamilton Spectator



No one was injured after a fire broke out at a house on George Street early Wednesday morning. Damage is estimated at \$350,000. - David Ritchie , Special to the Hamilton Spectator

The Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal has been called to investigate an early-morning, multiple-alarm fire that caused extensive damage to a downtown Hamilton home.

Emergency crews were called to 74 George St., between Hess and Caroline streets south, for reports of smoke around 12:23 a.m. and found a "well involved" and fire at the back of the two-storey home, said Hamilton Fire chief fire prevention officer Bob Simpson. There was heavy smoke and flames that extended from the basement to the roof.

There were initial reports that someone could be inside, so the first firefighters on scene began an aggressive search, he said. No one was found and it was later discovered that all three occupants had fled prior to firefighters' arrival. No one was injured.

The fire was upgraded to a multiple-alarm, calling in more crews from across Hamilton.

The house is a middle unit in a row of three, with firefighters attacking the blaze from inside all three units. It took about 45 minutes to bring the "aggressive" fire under control, Simpson said.

The house sustained extensive damage and the adjoining units of 72 and 72 George St. sustained smoke and water damage.

Damage was initially estimated around \$350,000, but the exact figure is not yet clear.

The OFM has been called in to investigate the cause of the fire.

Hamilton police and fire are expected to remain on scene Wednesday morning. The Red Cross has also been called to assist those displaced find somewhere else to stay.

Tags: [News \(/hamilton-news/\)](#) - [Local \(/hamilton-news/local/\)](#), [News \(/hamilton-news/\)](#)