

INVENTORY AND RESEARCH WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

Monday, March 25, 2019

Attendees: Wilf Arndt, Graham Carroll, Alissa Denham Robinson, Ann Gillespie, Ron Sinclair, Kathy Wakeman

Regrets: Jim Charlton, Brian Kowalewicz, Terri Wallis

Staff in attendance: Miranda Brunton, David Addington

Guests: Laurie Brady, Harry Lennard (architect – 7 Rolph St)

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

The Inventory/Research Working Group recommends the following properties be added to the City Register of Non-designated properties of cultural/heritage value and/or historical interest. It is further recommended that these properties be added to the staff work plan for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The following represents a summary of the key reasons for our recommendations for each property. Details can be found in the attached Built Heritage Inventory form, Preliminary Evaluation and Supporting documentation.

745 CROOKS' HOLLOW ROAD, DUNDAS, ONTARIO

This property is recommended for the City of Hamilton Register of Non-designated properties of cultural/heritage value and/or historical interest. It is further recommended it be added to the staff work plan for designation, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. We would request staff determine its priority placement within the work plan.

Built in 1850, this property is recommended as it is an example of the Ontario Cottage which was a popular design for residential buildings in the early to mid-19th century. It has historical/associative value because of its connection to the Morden family who settled by the Spencers' Creek and established a saw mill and later a grist mill helping to define the area as an area of commerce and economic activity. Lastly, the property is adjacent to another Morden property, 769 Crooks' Hollow Road which is designated, both of which demonstrate contextual value in defining and maintaining the character of the area.

The home was recently sold and demolition has taken place on the interior without a permit. A stop work order was issued and the building is vacant without heat.

7 ROLPH STREET, DUNDAS, ONTARIO

This property is recommended for the City of Hamilton Register of Non-designated properties of cultural/heritage value and/or historical interest. It is further recommended it be added to the staff work plan for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Act with the request that staff determine the priority level given its vulnerability for demolition.

Built in 1971 on a flood plain of Spencers' Creek and known locally as the Lennard House, this property is significant architecturally, as a rare or possibly unique example in the City of Hamilton of its modern residential style. (refer attached photos). It was designed by Harry Lennard, family member and prominent local architect whose work includes the major restoration of St. James Anglican Church (Dundas) and the design of Hamilton Place. The Lennard family were noted industrialists in Dundas having owned and operated a textile mill from the mid-19th Century.

This property has been sold and the current resident will be vacating the home in August 2019. Its future is uncertain and if demolished, would be a major loss to our City.

23-25 KING STREET EAST, STONEY CREEK, ONTARIO

Locally known as “Millen’s Store”, this property is recommended for the City Register of Non-designated properties of cultural/heritage value and/or historical interest.

The store dates to the mid 1820’s and is believed to be the oldest place of business in the Village. The current building dates to 1832 occupying a prominent location in the business district of the “Old” Village of Stoney Creek. It has served the community as a general store, the first post office. In addition to its association with the Millen family (Millen Road), who were early settlers and merchants, the property is a character defining feature of the streetscape and contributes to an understanding of the history of the community and culture.

45 AMELIA STREET, HAMILTON, ONTARIO **

Locally known as the “Goldblatt” House, is recommended for the City of Hamilton Register of Non-designated properties of cultural/heritage value and/or interest. It is further recommended that it be added to the staff work plan for designation. We request that staff determine the priority placement within the work plan.

Built in 1955, this building is one of 3 houses that represent the work of architect, Jerome Markson a graduate of the University of Toronto (1953). Markson became a very accomplished architect with a reputation for the design of a variety of residential properties in Hamilton and Toronto. His work has been the subject of many books/articles. He is also the recipient of many awards.

The “Goldblatt” house is remarkably unchanged and as such it is a character defining example of the architects work and mid-century modern design. The property was recently sold and Markson consulted on changes to the property for the new owners.

Ron Sinclair – Inventory/Research Working Group

** We wish to acknowledge and thank Laurie Brady who researched and prepared the detailed report which supports 45 Amelia Street recommendation

