

City Clerk's Division COUNCIL FOLLOW-UP NOTICE

TO: Steve Robichaud
Director, Planning

DATE: August 20, 2019

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RE: Council Follow up – Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

At the August 16, 2019 meeting of City Council, the following items were approved as part of Planning Report 19-012:

10. 292 Dundas Street East (Maple Lawn), Waterdown (Added Item 12.1)

WHEREAS, there is concern that 292 Dundas Street East, Waterdown, will be placed on the market for the purpose of redevelopment;

WHEREAS, 292 Dundas Street East, Waterdown, is listed on the City's Heritage Inventory, but is not currently recognized through registration or protected through designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

WHEREAS, a preliminary evaluation of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest conducted as part of the Waterdown Village Built Heritage Inventory found that 292 Dundas Street East, Waterdown meets the criteria specified in *Ontario Regulation 9/06* including, but not limited to:

- Historical Associations – The property is located on an early transportation route known as “The Governor’s Road” that stretched from Mississauga to London and has been in use since the late 1700s. The property is associated with potentially significant people in Waterdown’s history, including George Allison and Harold Greene. George Allison, believed to be the first owner of the house, was a recognized character in the early development of the Village. He served the local community as a juror and magistrate. Harold Greene was the first publisher of the Waterdown Review. He lived in the house with his family in the late 1910s and a few of the early issues are believed to have been produced in a carriage house located on the property. Additionally, the property has the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of the community through additional research.

- **Physical and Architectural Design** – The property is a representative example of vernacular residence constructed in the Victoria period and influenced by Gothic Revival and Italianate architectural styles. The two-storey house of stretcher bond brick construction (now painted) sits on a rubble and brick foundation. The house is defined by its Gothic-style high-gabled roof three bay façade and bay window with Italianate detailing, all displaying a high degree of craftsmanship. Victorian style influences include the wide front verandah, decorative bargeboard, and other decorative flourishes. Over all, the design of the building does not appear to have changed significantly since its construction circa mid-to-late 20th century.
- **Contextual Value** – The property is important in defining the historic character of the area and maintaining the historic fabric of Dundas Street East. In addition to the property's location along a historic transport route, the property is physically, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings. The 19th-century single-detached building helps define the early residential character at the west end of Dundas Street in the Village of Waterdown along with the other prominent estate homes including the Smith-Carson House at no. 289, the Crooker House at no. 299 and Chestnut Grove at no. 315. The property may be considered a local landmark.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That 292 Dundas Street East, Waterdown, be added to the City's Municipal Heritage Register as a non-designated property, after consultation with the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee; and,
- (b) That Council direct staff to add 292 Dundas Street East (Maple Lawn), Waterdown, to staff's designation work plan and be assigned immediate priority for Heritage Designation in Q4.

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