

## **Inventory & Research Working Group (IRWG)**

### **Meeting Notes**

Monday, June 21, 2021 (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm)  
City of Hamilton WebEx Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Janice Brown (Chair); Rammy Saini (Secretary); Graham Carroll; Chuck Dimitry; Lyn Lunsted; Alissa Denham-Robinson; Ann Gillespie

**Regrets:** Brian Kowalesicz; Jim Charlton; Alissa Golden (Heritage Project Specialist)

**Also Present:** Chloe Richer (Heritage Planner); Stacey Kursikowski (Heritage Planner); Hannah Kosziwka (Waterloo Student Intern)

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. The Inventory & Research Working Group (IRWG) recommends researching best practices on reviewing, prioritizing and updating early designations (pre-2002) to align with the new Ontario Heritage Act, and adding this task as an ongoing project to the IRWG's Work Plan. The IRWG will report back to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee with the findings.

### **NOTES**

#### **1. Chair's Remarks**

Janice welcomed all present and noted that soon we will have a third heritage planner.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **3. Review & Approval of Meeting Notes: May 20, 2021**

Approved by general consensus.

4. **Early Designations (pre-2002): Review, Prioritize, Update – Janice**  
The Ontario Heritage Act was updated in 2002, which means early designations (anything prior to 2002) have been completed and written differently to how they are completed now. The early designations, for example, do not always have identifying features or other heritage attributes recorded. Janice discussed with the IRWG how best to ensure that we do not lose the older designations.

With the new Ontario Heritage Act, it is possible that any designations to pre-2002 designations may affect their designation status. Between 1977 and 1979, there are 30 designations that could be in a difficult situation as they are not written to the same level of detail as is required presently. Dan Schneider<sup>1</sup> has strongly suggested that these designations should be reviewed and prioritized due to the potential for difficulties with their existing designation status. For example, 51 Herkimer Street is one of the earliest designations; its windows have since been altered at no fault of the owner, but this means the designation status could be impacted as per the existing Ontario Heritage Act (please see attachment as an example of an early designation).

The IRWG is interested in knowing more about what other cities have done to update their pre-2002 heritage permits. Stacey and Chloe are going to touch base with their heritage circles and see what information they can gather about how other cities/municipalities are updating their earlier designations. There are over 200 properties in the Hamilton area that have early designation status, but it is unclear which ones are most at threat. The IRWG discussed the potential nature of the work involved in updating the designations, especially with respect to time and resources. After having had this preliminary discussion/review, the IRWG has decided this is an issue that should be considered important enough to add to the working group's work plan. A

The IRWG would like to recommend that the working group research best practices on reviewing, prioritizing and updating early designations (pre-2002) to align with the new *Ontario Heritage Act*, and that this task be added as an ongoing project to the IRWG work plan. **See recommendation above.**

## 5. **Other Business**

- a) Ann Gillespie provided a brief update on the former Blackadar retirement residence at 99 Creighton Street (now vacant and under threat of demolition) and the adjacent 56-year old long-term care facility at 102 Creighton Street. The future of

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<sup>1</sup> Dan Schneider, BA, LLB, Dan Schneider Heritage Consulting, "OHA + M Blog for University of Waterloo, Heritage Resource Centre, Policy Advisor 2002-2005 - Changes to the OHA.

these properties currently remains unclear. Both properties were acquired by Elite Developments in 2020 with the intent of redeveloping the site for a 9-storey, 226-unit residential building. A formal consultation request was made to the City of Hamilton in April 2021. Only the 1875 building (99 Creighton St) has any historical and architectural interest (see accompanying Preliminary Research Report). Ann will continue her research on the property and bring back a recommendation to the IRWG at a later date.

**b)** Janice may not be available for a meeting in July, which is tentatively cancelled unless an urgent matter arises. Should the IRWG need to meet, Graham has kindly volunteered to chair the meeting. Rammy will be away in July and August; Ann has kindly volunteered to take meeting notes for those months.

## **6. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Next meeting: July 26<sup>th</sup> (if needed, otherwise Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>), 6:00-8:00 PM, WebEx Online

The Corporation of the City of Hamilton

BY-LAW NO. 77- 21

To Designate:

Municipal No. 51 Herkimer Street

as Property of

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE AND INTEREST

WHEREAS the Council of The City of Hamilton did give notice of its intention to designate No. 51 Herkimer Street in accordance with subsection 3 of section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. 1974, Chapter 122;

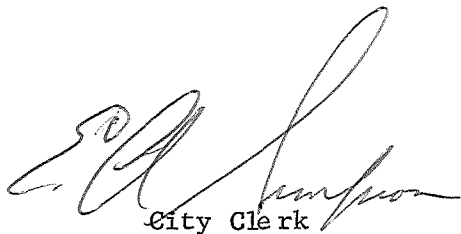
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection was served on the Clerk of the City of Hamilton;

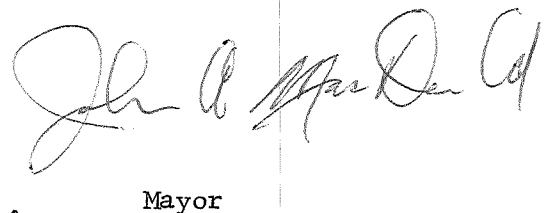
AND WHEREAS it is desired to designate No. 51 Herkimer Street in accordance with clause (a) of subsection 6 of section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

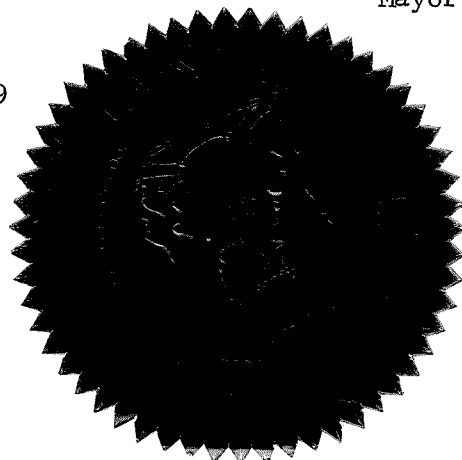
1. The property known as No. 51 Herkimer Street and more particularly described in schedule "A" hereto annexed is hereby designated as property of historic and architectural value and interest.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation set out in schedule "B" to be registered against the property affected in the proper registry office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed;
  - (i) to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation to be served on the owners and The Ontario Heritage Foundation;
  - (ii) to publish a notice of this by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality of the City of Hamilton.

PASSED this 25th day of January A.D. 1977.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

(1976) 39 R.B.C. 25, November 9



## SCHEDULE "A"

TO

BY-LAW NO. 77- 21

All and Singular the certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the City of Hamilton, in the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth, in the Province of Ontario, being composed of parts of Lots Numbers Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) as shown on a plan of subdivision prepared for J. D. Pringle, A. Logie and W. Griffin, the Plan thereof registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Wentworth as Number 40, and which said parcel or tract of land is situate on the south side of Herkimer Street between Park and MacNab Streets, and may be more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING the bearings used herein are assumed astronomic and derived from the Ontario Co-ordinate System, Zone 10, Central Meridian 79 degrees 30 minutes west longitude.

COMMENCING at an iron bar planted at the northwestern corner of Lot Number 13.

THENCE South 72 degrees and 06 minutes east along the northern limits of Lots Numbers 13, 14 and 15, and being also along the southern limit of Herkimer Street, 78.58 feet more or less to an iron bar planted where it is intersected by the production northerly of the western face of a concrete retaining wall.

THENCE South 18 degrees 10 minutes and 50 seconds west to and along the western face of the aforesaid concrete retaining wall 115.47 feet more or less to an iron bar planted in the line of a present existing chain link fence marking the southern limit of the herein described lands.

THENCE North 72 degrees and 52 minutes west along the line of the aforesaid fence 78.60 feet more or less to an iron bar planted in the western limit of Lot Number 13.

## SCHEDULE "A" (Cont'd)

TO

BY-LAW NO. 77- 21

THENCE North 18 degrees 09 minutes and 30 seconds east along the western limit of Lot Number 13, and being also along the eastern limit of Park Street, 116.54 feet more or less to the point of commencement.

The above-described parcel of land contains by admeasurement 9,115 square feet be the same more or less.

On the above-described parcel of land is erected the dwelling known as Municipal Number 51 Herkimer Street.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said Grantee its successors and assigns, to and for its and their sole and only use forever. Subject nevertheless to the reservations, limitations, provisoes and conditions expressed in the original grant thereof from the Crown, save as hereinafter set out.

## SCHEDULE "B"

TO

BY-LAW NO. 77- 21

The interior and exterior of this property are recommended for conservation as property having historic and architectural value or interest by the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee of the City of Hamilton, in the "Architectural Review & Evaluation Report" prepared by Professor Anthony Adamson, and in "Victorian Architecture in Hamilton" published by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and written by Professor A. G. McKay.

This building is of considerable architectural merit, representing a transition between two Ontario design periods. Its basic form and its restraint in decoration is of Georgian derivation, but its massing, roofline, bargeboard, bay window, and stone label mouldings over windows on the principal facade and its interior woodwork give it a distinctively Neo-Gothic spirit, a modern departure for Hamilton at mid-century, and the shape of things to come. The use of Hamilton limestone for basic wall construction, faced with imported ashlar-finished white sandstone is typical of the better buildings of the period.

The structure was built in 1858, by Donald Nicholson, the builder of Sandyford Place, as the residence for the Reverend Robert Burnett, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, whose outstanding church building (today, St. Paul's) had been completed the previous year under the direction of architect William Thomas. It is a manifestation of the high-quality residential environment that developed as characteristic of much of Durand Neighbourhood. Today, this building stands as one of a mere handful of buildings of its era and character in the City of Hamilton.

DATED January 25th, 1977

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON

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Municipal No. 51 Herkimer Street

As Property of:

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL  
VALUE AND INTEREST

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No. **C.D.**  
Land Registry Division of Wentworth (No. 62)  
I CERTIFY that this instrument is registered as of

K. A. Rouff,  
City Solicitor.

*A.M.*  
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Registry Office  
at Hamilton  
Ontario.

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