Coppley Building – 56 York Boulevard Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report

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56 York Boulevard Background







Cultural Heritage Value or Interest 56 York Boulevard was found to have cultural heritage value or interest under all three sections of Ontario Regulation 9/06: physical or design value including historical or associative value and contextual value.

Using the City of Hamilton's Framework for Evaluating Built Heritage, 56 York Boulevard was found to meet ten of the eleven criteria for having cultural heritage value or interest.









Heritage Value Stone Building

The stone building at 56 York Boulevard has design/ physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value.

A representative example of a mid-19th century Renaissance Revival commercial building designed by Frederick James Rastrick with a high degree of craftsmanship

As a 19th century building associated with Hamilton's textile production history as the former location of Coppley, Noyes and Randall

A local landmark, prominently placed at the intersection of York Boulevard and MacNab Street that defines the area's historic character





Heritage Value Brick Building

The brick building at 56 York Boulevard has design/ physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value.

A representative example of an early 20th century Edwardian Classicism commercial building designed by Alfred Wavell Peene

As a 20th century building associated with Hamilton's textile production history

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Heritage Attributes Stone Building





Balanced façade
Brick masonry construction
Brick banding or channelling on facade
Parapet wall
Stone trim and accents around openings
Oversized stone architectural elements
Segmentally arched fenestration on facade

Heritage Attributes Brick Building



Heritage Attributes Interior

Stone Building and Brick Building

• Wood and cast-iron pillars on all floors in both the brick and stone building; in particular, the decorative cast-iron pillars on the first floor of the stone building;

- Metal fire doors found in both the brick and stone building;
- Wooden flooring where exposed in both the brick and stone building;
- Vaults with metal doors found in both the brick and stone building, some with graffiti dating to the 19th century.



Questions?

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