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Recommendation to Designate 54 and 56 Hess Street South, Hamilton

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Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

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54 and 56 Hess Street South



Background

- 2014 - Properties listed on Municipal Heritage Register
- May 2021 - Request to designate
- July 2023 - Notice of high priority designation list
- September 2023 - Order to Comply



Recommendation for Designation Under Part IV of the OHA

54 and 56 Hess Street South

Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria (6 of 9)

- Design / Physical (Criteria #1, 2)
- Historical / Associative (Criteria #4)
- Contextual (Criteria #7, 8, 9)



Heritage Evaluation

Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria

Design / Physical Value

1. The properties are **early and representative examples** of Second Empire architecture.
2. The properties display a **high degree of craftsmanship.**
3. The properties are not considered to demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

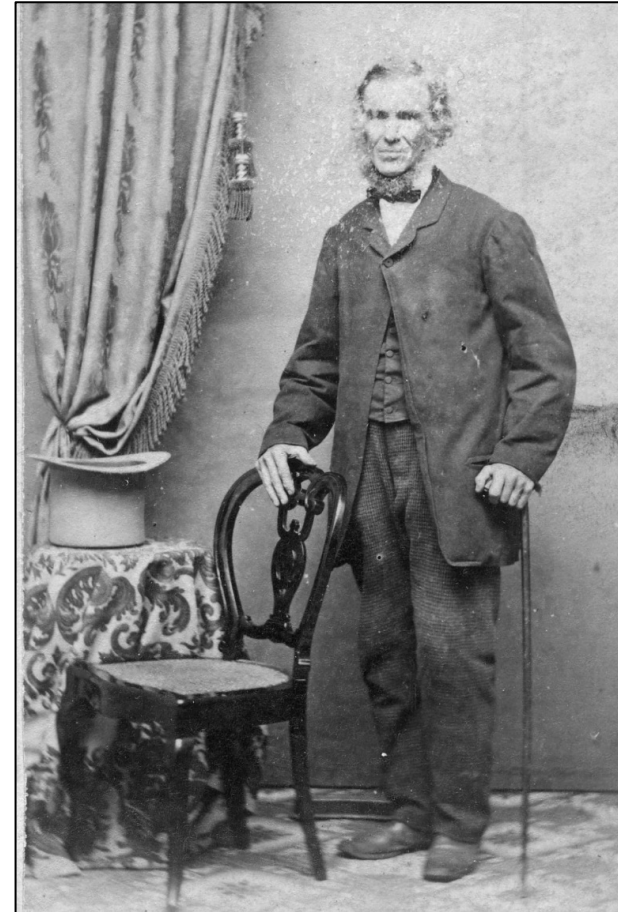


Heritage Evaluation

Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria

Historical / Associative Value

4. The properties have **direct associations** with Robert McElroy, former alderman & mayor.
5. The properties are not considered to have the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of a community or culture.
6. The properties are not considered to demonstrate the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist significant to the community



Robert McElroy, c. 1863

Heritage Evaluation

Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria

Contextual Value

7. The properties help **define** the historic character of Hess Street South.
8. The properties are **visually** and **historically, linked to their surroundings.**
9. The properties are considered to be **local landmarks.**



Vintage Hamilton, 2021

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (Summary)

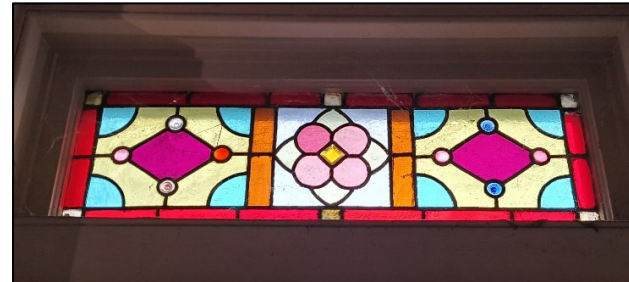
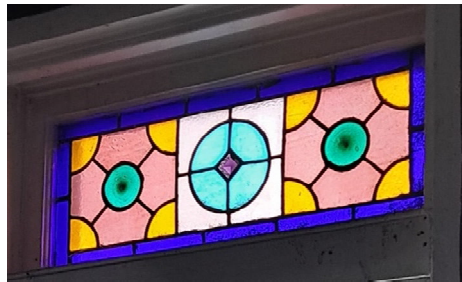
The properties located at 54 and 56 Hess Street South are comprised of a semi-detached two-and-one-half storey stone building, constructed circa 1852. The properties are **representative and early** examples of the Second Empire architectural style and **display a high degree of craftsmanship**.

The property is directly associated with former alderman and mayor **Robert McElroy**.

The properties **help define** the character of Hess Street South, are **visually and historically** linked to their surroundings, and are **local landmarks**.

Description of Heritage Attributes (Summary)

- Exterior elevations and roofline of the semi-detached stone building, including:
 - Concave Mansard roof with slate tiles, dormers and decorative cornices;
 - Stone façades and belt course;
 - Window openings with wood windows, stained glass transoms and sills;
 - Symmetrical four-bay front elevation with its flanking window bays and entrances;
 - One-and-a-half storey rear stone addition; and
 - Stone foundation.



Description of Heritage Attributes (Continued)

- Location at the southwest corner of Hess and Main Streets; and
- Shallow setback from Hess Street South.





QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU