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## Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report Questionnaire

Infrastructure Ontario (IO) is undertaking a Cultural Heritage Evaluation report (CHE) of 55 Main Street West, known as the Hamilton Superior Court Family Justice Courthouse (HSCFJC), in the City of Hamilton. As a key stakeholder we are looking to gather your input into the cultural heritage value of the property through this comment form. The CHE refers to provincial heritage criteria to assess if a potential heritage resource is locally significant (Ontario Regulation 9/06 as amended by Ontario Regulation 569/22) or provincially significant (Ontario Regulation 10/06).

We anticipate that the form will take 15-20 minutes to complete. In order to more easily integrate information into the CHE we ask that only one form for your organization be returned.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the comment form. We appreciate your insight!

There are four sections to the comment form:

1. Property Information
2. Participant Information
3. Feedback Section
4. Closing

Instructions are provided at the start of each section. Information gathered in this form will be combined with information collected from other stakeholders. Input will not be associated to a specific group and/or individual within the CHE.

**Please provide your completed form by November 20, 2023.** If you are not able to provide input within this timeframe, please email [kayla.jonasgalvin@arahertige.ca](mailto:kayla.jonasgalvin@arahertige.ca) by November 10, 2023 to request an extension.

### 1. Project Information

**Instructions:** Please read the following section which includes background information on the property.

The Hamilton Superior Court Family Justice Courthouse property is located in Hamilton's downtown core at the southwest corner of MacNab Street South and Main Street West. The property is bounded by Main Street West to the north, MacNab Street South to the east, Jackson Street West to the south, and the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Hamilton City Hall to the west. The Hamilton Superior Court Family Justice Courthouse is owned by the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI). The property contains one building, the Hamilton Superior Court Family Justice Courthouse. Originally constructed as a Carnegie Library in 1913, the structure served as Hamilton's main library, the Hamilton Public Library, for 67 years before it was vacated in 1980. It was sold to the Province of Ontario for use as the Hamilton Superior Court of Justice Family Courthouse. A \$7.1 million renovation project began in June 1987 and included a 21,530 sq. ft. addition to the rear of the original building. The new Family Court opened on April 7, 1989.

The 1.14-acre "L" shaped subject property is comprised of one structure (B24638) and the land is sloped approximately 8-10 ft. above street level and displays a front lawn area that is fully landscaped with retaining walls, staircases and ramps, pathways, original iron light standards, hedges, shrubs, trees and manicured greenspace. The property includes one building; the Hamilton Superior Court Family Justice Courthouse (B24638), which consists of the original

building (1913) and addition (1989). The structure includes six courtrooms, two motion rooms, public waiting areas and administrative offices in addition to service rooms and holding cells. The property boundaries and individual buildings are mapped on the Map 1 below, a selection of landscape photos are included in Image 1 to Image 4.



**Map 1: Hamilton Superior Court Family Justice Courthouse**



**Image 1: View of Façade  
(October 18, 2023; Facing South)**



**Image 2: View of Northwest Corner  
(October 18, 2023; Facing Southeast)**



**Image 3: Detailed View of West Elevation  
(October 18, 2023; Facing East)**



**Image 4: View of East Elevation and Addition  
(October 18, 2023; Facing West)**

Additional Heritage Resources:

Ontario Regulation 9/06 (as amended by Ontario Regulation 569/22) Criteria for Determine Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/060009>

Ontario Regulation 10/06 Criteria for Determine Cultural Heritage Value or Interest of Provincial Significance: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/060010>

Learn more about the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Provincial Properties here: [http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage\\_s\\_g.shtml](http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage_s_g.shtml)

## **2. Participant Information**

**Instructions:** Please fill out the information below. The information provided in this section will only be used for future communication within the engagement process for this project.

Name:

Organization:

Title/Role:

Association with the Property:

Are you a resident of the City of Hamilton?

Yes          No

What is your preferred method of communication?

Email:          Phone:          Other:

Contact information (i.e., phone number, email, or address):

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### 3. Feedback Section

**Instructions:** To the best of your ability, please provide feedback on the cultural heritage value or interest of the Hamilton Superior Court Family Justice Courthouse. Feedback should focus on your understanding of the cultural heritage value of the property. Feedback may be positive, negative, or neutral, and can be as general or specific as desired. Answers to all questions are not required, so you may skip any question(s).

1. In your opinion, what makes the Hamilton Superior Court Family Justice Courthouse property special or unique?

2. Are there any stories you can tell us about the Hamilton Superior Court Family Justice Courthouse from your experience or organization's point of view? Please include any details which may relate to the architecture, history or landscape.

3. In your opinion, what are the most important elements on the Hamilton Superior Court Family Justice Courthouse property (i.e., structures, building materials, landscape features, monuments, layout, etc.)? Please list the top three elements and why they are important to you.

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4. In your opinion what elements of the Hamilton Superior Court Family Justice Courthouse property that are not important (i.e., structures, building materials, landscape features, monuments, layout, etc.)? Please list the top three elements and why they are not important to you.

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5. From your point of view, what is the one historical detail you think that the consulting team should know about the Hamilton Superior Court Family Justice Courthouse?

6. Is there any additional information (i.e., cultural heritage related, newsworthy, historical tidbits, etc.) that you feel should be consider as part of the built heritage assessment?

## 4. Closing

Thank you for your feedback! A follow up email will be sent to you after all feedback has been received and reviewed.

Please check which statement applies to you:

I feel that I was able to communicate my heritage related feedback regarding this project.

I do not feel that I was able to communicate my heritage feedback regarding this project.

I would like to speak with you more about:

The best time to reach me is            morning            evening.