



Recommendation To Designate 7 Rolph Street, Dundas (Lennard/Mushroom House)

July 22, 2024

Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

7 Rolph Street, Dundas



2000s – Part of architectural tours

August 2023 – Staff receive request to designate property



Recommendation for Designation Under Part IV of the OHA

7 Rolph Street, Dundas

Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria (8 of 9)

- Design / Physical (Criteria #1, #2, #3)
- Historical / Associative (Criteria #4, #6)
- Contextual (Criteria #7, #8, #9)



Image source: <https://historicalhamilton.com/dundas/the-lennard-house/>

Design / Physical Value

1. The property is a **rare example** of a dodecagon (twelve-sided) contemporary dwelling.
2. The property displays a **high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.**
3. The property is considered to demonstrate a **high degree of technical or scientific achievement.**



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Historical / Associative Value

4. The property **has historical value for its direct associations with notable Dundas community figures** including Bertram Lennard, Gladys Lennard, Harry Lennard, Marjorie Hawkins Clark, and Hugh Clark.
5. The property is not considered to have the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of a community or culture.
6. The property demonstrates **the work or ideas of Harry Lennard**, an architect significant to the community.



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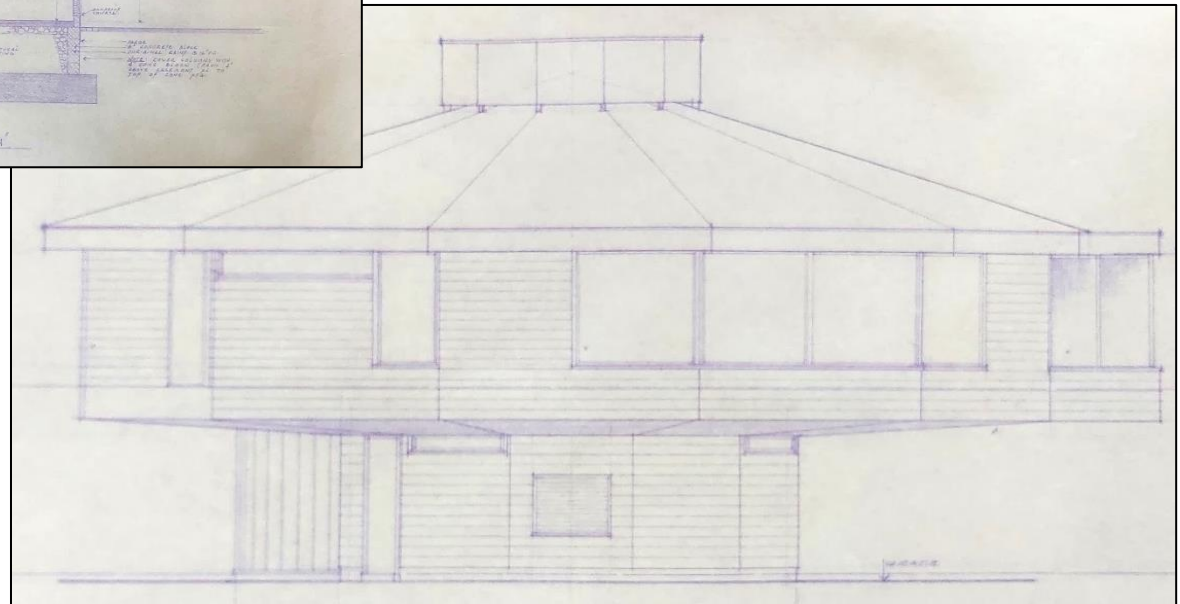
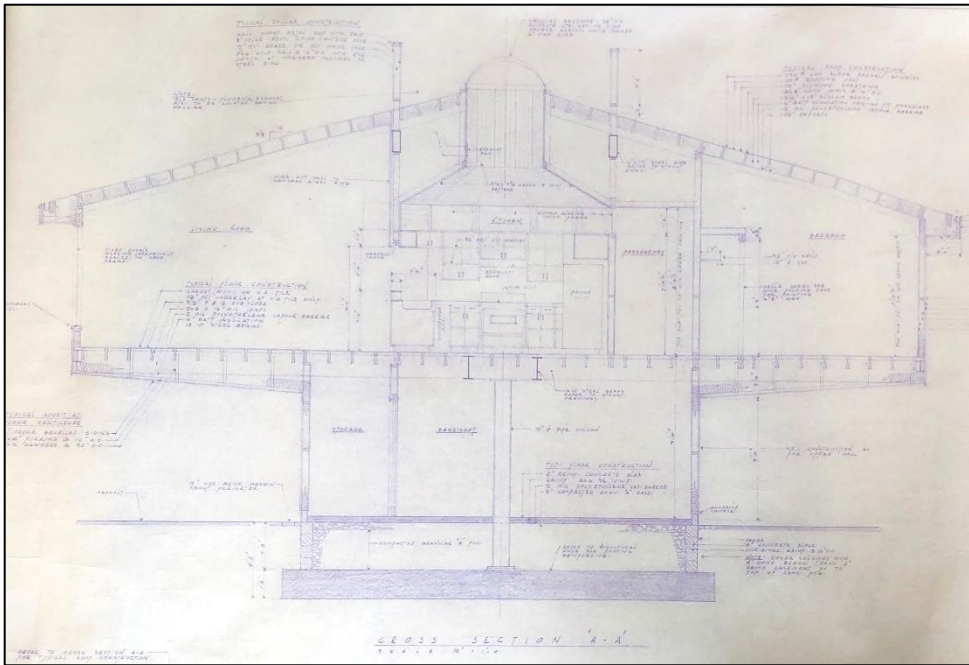
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Contextual Value

7. The property is important in **defining** the residential character of the area.
8. The property is **historically and visually linked to its surroundings**.
9. The property is considered to be **a local landmark**.



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Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (Summary)

The property at 7 Rolph Street is a dodecagon (twelve-sided) contemporary dwelling built in 1971. It is a **rare example** of a dodecagon dwelling and **displays a high degree of craftsmanship and technical achievement.**

The property has is associated with the **Lennard family**, including Samuel Bertram Lennard (Bert) and Gladys Louisa McInnis Lennard, and **Hugh and Marjorie Clark**. It is also associated with architect **Harry Lennard**.

The property is important in **defining the character** of the area and is **historically and visually** linked to its surroundings. The dwelling's unique 'mushroom' shape **stands out** in the surrounding residential landscape and the property is considered to be a **local landmark**

Description of Heritage Attributes (Summary)

All twelve exterior elevations and roofline of the two-storey steel cantilever frame structure, including its:

- Cantilever pedestal ‘mushroom’ form and dodecagon footprint;
- Twelve facet hip roof;
- Raised, central skylight and decorative collar;
- Deep soffits with embedded lights;
- Cedar board cladding;
- Rear porch extension;
- Four picture windows and transom windows;
- Lower-level rounded glass bay;
- Steel frame porch and bridge; and,
- Angled, vertical plank fence along the porch and bridge.

The original interior first and second storey features, including the:

- Interior skylight opening;
- Stained cedar board ceiling and walls; and,
- Wood spiral staircase and banister.

The original landscaping features including the:

- Cut-stone stairs and planters;
- Circular walkway surrounding the dwelling’s pedestal; and,
- Angled, vertical plank fence along the eastern side yard leading to the bridge.

Staff Recommendation

That the City Clerk be directed to give **notice of Council's intention to designate 7 Rolph Street, Dundas (Lennard/Mushroom House)**, shown in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED24125, as a property of cultural heritage value pursuant to the provisions of Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, in accordance with the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED24125, subject to the following:

- (a) If no objections are received to the notice of intention to designate in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, City Council directs staff to introduce the necessary by-law to designate the property to be of cultural heritage value or interest to City Council;
- (a) If an objection to the notice of intention to designate is received in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, City Council directs staff to report back to Planning Committee to allow Council to consider the objection and decide whether or not to withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property.



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