

City of Hamilton - Heritage Permit Application Note Sheet

Address: 24 Main Street West, Hamilton (New Vision United Church, Part IV)

Permit Number: HP2024-039

Owner: New Vision United Church Board of Trustees for the United Church of Canada

Applicant/Agent: Helen Bradley

Description of proposed alterations:

- Selective masonry repointing using Type O mortar, including in the front portico gable and southeast corner;
 - Interim repairs and installation of plywood hoarding in lower portions of front (south) windows to prevent further damage; and,
 - Repair of the northwest turret, subject to further investigation, which may include dismantling, temporary storage and reconstruction.
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Reasons for proposed alterations:

- An engineers review identified areas requiring localized repairs to mitigate risks until work for comprehensive masonry repairs can be undertaken next year.
 - The northwest turret was flagged for safety and needs to be investigated further.
 - Most of the work required is for the 1990s addition, which is not included in the designation and not subject to Heritage Permits.
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Documentation submitted with application:

- Heritage Permit application form
 - "Masonry Safety Concerns – Repair and Risk Mitigation Scope", prepared by John G. Cooke & Associates Ltd., dated November 27, 2024, including Drawings of Scope of Work (**attached as Appendix "A" to Note Sheet HP2024-039**)
 - Photographs
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Draft Conditions for Consideration:

- ☐ That the final details, following further investigation, of the repair of the northwest turret be submitted, to the satisfaction and approval of the Director of Planning and Chief Planner, prior to submission as part of any application for a Building Permit and / or the commencement of any alterations;
- ☐ That any minor changes to the plans and elevations following approval shall be submitted, to the satisfaction and approval of the Director of Planning and Chief Planner, prior to submission as part of any application for a Building Permit and / or the commencement of any alterations; and
- ☐ That implementation / installation of the alteration(s), in accordance with this approval, shall be completed no later than **December 31, 2026**. If the alteration(s) are not completed by **December 31, 2026**, then this approval expires as of that date and no alterations shall be undertaken without a new approval issued by the City of Hamilton.

Description of Heritage Attributes (Excerpt of By-law No. 20-126)

Attributes present on the exterior of the 1868 portion of the church:

- Gabled roof and timber roof framing;
- Massing and form of the 1868 church building including its rectangular plan;
- Moulded red brick construction, laid in a stretcher bond, with areas of brick turned on their header (not consistently for entire courses). This occurs in variations of pattern on every elevation of the building;
- Stone construction at first floor, clad in red brick;
- Load bearing brick walls at second and attic level elevation;
- Contrasting colour mortar;
- Stained and coloured glass windows with their original wood frames on the west, east, south and north (closed in) elevations.

Composition, size and placement of the following architectural elements with respect to the whole on the 1868 portion of the church:

- Elongated window openings with masonry brick arches with stone sills and their profile on each elevation;
- The masonry brick arches over the window openings on the north, west and east elevations and the elaborately profiled stone arches over the windows on the south elevation;
- Brick corbelling and castellations on each elevation;
- Segmental brick arched windows with paired one over one wood windows and the segmental brick arch (formerly a window) on the east elevation;
- Symmetrically arranged architectural components identified on this list on the south elevation;
- Quatrefoil windows with elaborately profiled stone surround on the south elevation;
- Red brick slim buttresses with stone cap accents on the east and west elevations; and,
- Four symmetrically placed octagonal brick buttresses with decorative, intricately detailed, cut stone accents, that extend beyond the roof line to make slim decorative octagonal turrets on the south elevation and one each at the northeast and northwest corners of the main, tallest section of the building.

1896 front entrance addition:

- Red brick, pattern laid on a diagonal;
- Red mortar with traces of tuck pointing with white lime mortar;
- Stone accents, including but not limited to arches, quatrefoil window surround, coping (under metal flashing); and,
- Red granite columns with limestone base and capital accents.

Attributes present in the interior of the 1868 portion of the church:

- Layout of main auditorium with "U- shaped plan" balcony and extension to the north of the building, separated from the nave/main auditorium space by an arch;
- Balcony with its supporting metal columns with decorative metal capitals;
- Balcony railing made of wood and metal;
- Round metal grilles at ceiling;
- Curved ceiling, with decorative faux beams and associated brackets on the walls;
- Interior doors into the auditoriums; and,
- Buttresses and dressed stone base along original west exterior wall now enclosed within 1992 addition.

Photographs



Figure 1: Front (south) elevation of the church

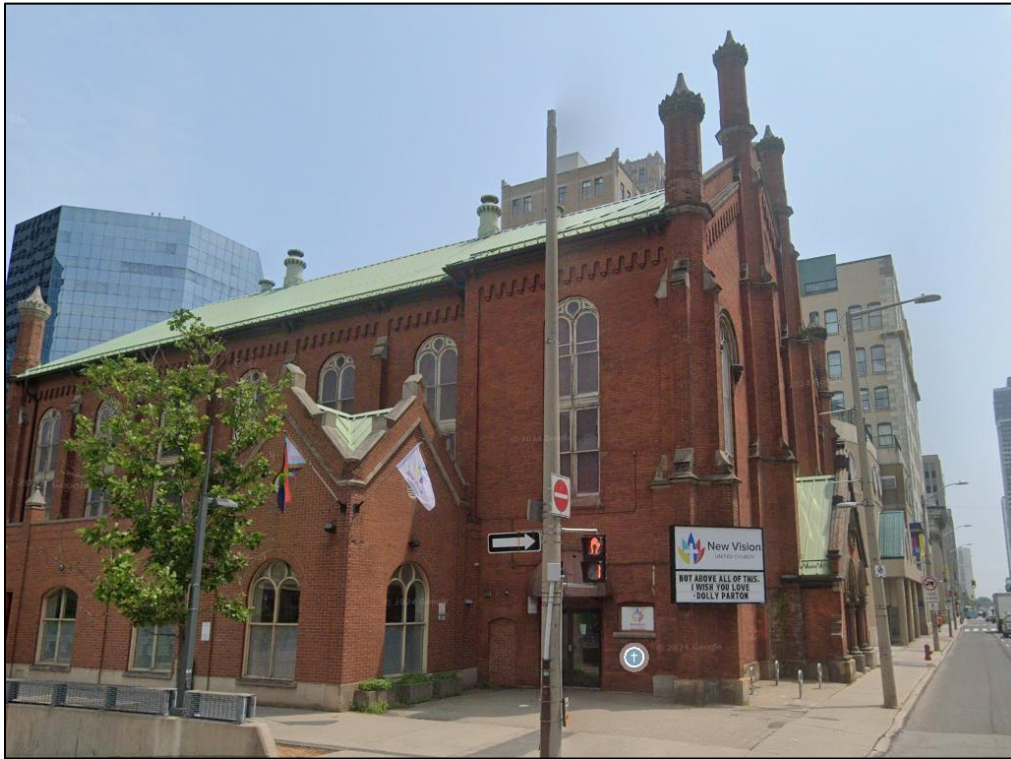


Figure 2: West side elevation of the church looking east on Main Street; the one-storey circa 1990s addition is shown to the left



Figure 3: Area on the front portico requiring localized repointing and repairs



Figure 4: Damaged windows in the front (south) elevation, showing damaged protective storms to be temporarily covered by plywood hoarding and damaged wood to be removed (middle right)



Figure 5: Close-up of northwest turret requiring further investigation and repair, looking south

Plans / Drawings

See drawings attached as Appendix “A” to this Notesheet.