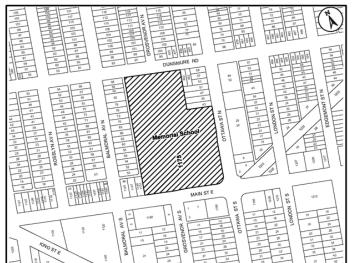


## Recommendation To Designate 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton (Memorial Public School)

February 28, 2025
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee



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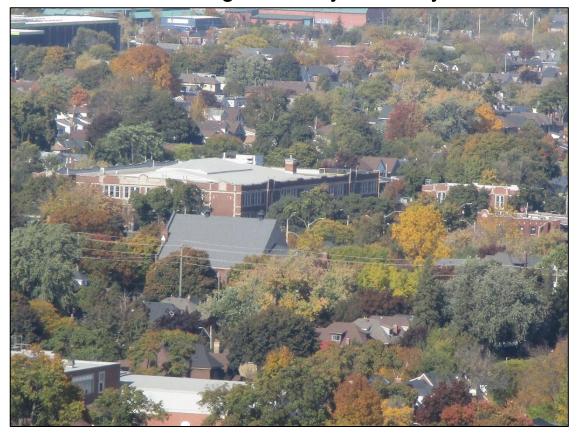




## Background

August 2014 - Property listed on Municipal Heritage Register.

March 2023 - Prioritized for Designation by January 1st, 2025





## Recommendation for Designation Under Part IV of the OHA

#### 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton

Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria (8 of 9)

- Design / Physical (Criteria #1, 2)
- Historical / Associative (Criteria #4, 5, 6)
- Contextual (Criteria #7, 8, 9)





### Heritage Evaluation

Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria

### Design / Physical Value

- The property is a **representative** example of a Collegiate Gothic school which is also a rare example of a school with a central auditorium.
- 2. The property displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
- The property is <u>not</u> considered to demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.





### Heritage Evaluation

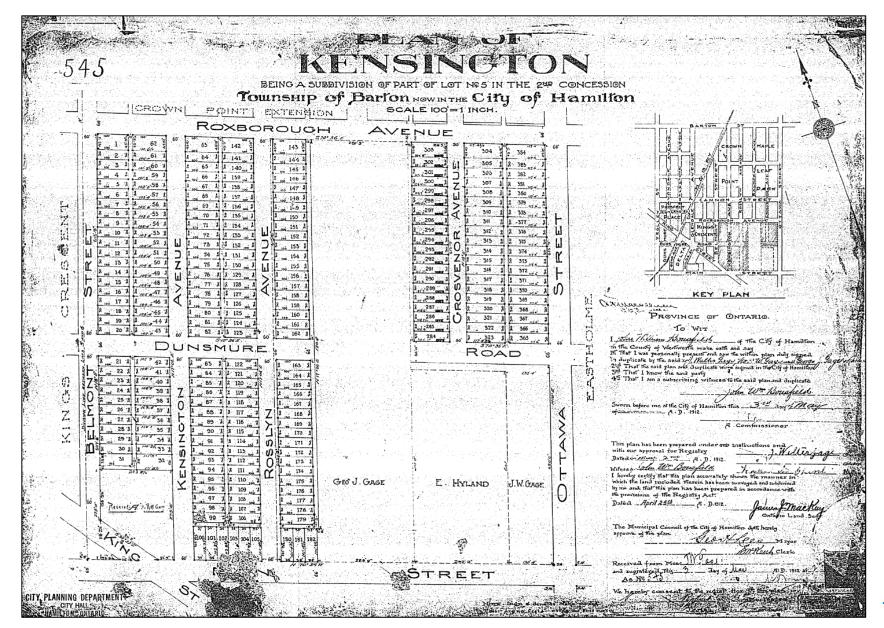
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#### Historical / Associative Value

- 4. The property is associated with Hamilton's industrial expansion and the memorialization of the First World War.
- 5. The property has the **potential** to yield information that **contributes** to an understanding of the **Crown Point West** community.
- 6. The property is considered to demonstrate the work or ideas of famed Hamilton architect **Gordon J. Hutton**.





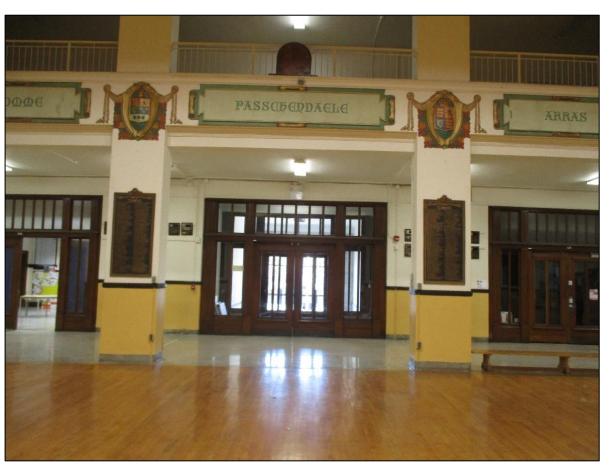














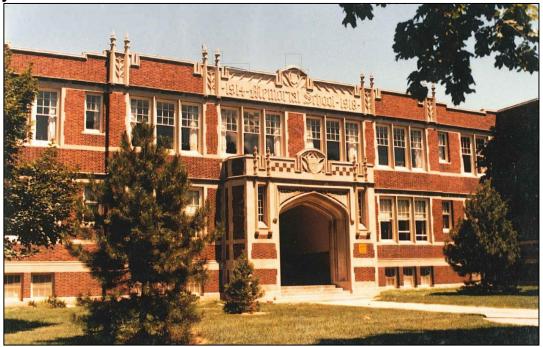


### Heritage Evaluation

#### Contextual Value

Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria

- 7. The property defines the **character** of the **Crown Point West neighborhood**.
- 8. The property is visually, historically and functionally linked to its surroundings.
- 9. The property is **considered** to be a local **landmark**.





## Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (Summary)

The two-storey brick school at **1175 Main Street East** was built in 1919. It has design value as a **representative example** of the **Collegiate Gothic** style of architecture as applied to a school, and as a **rare example** of a **Hamilton** school with a central auditorium and as a school built to commemorate the dead of the First World War. It also displays a **high degree** of **craftsmanship**.

The historical value of the property lies in its association with the development of Hamilton's **East End** and the desire of **Hamiltonians** to **remember** the First World War. It is also associated with leading Hamilton architect **Gordon J. Hutton**.

Contextually, this property is **important** in **defining** the **character** of **Crown Point West**, and is **visually**, **historically and functionally linked** to its surroundings. As a distinctive and massive structure which dominates the local area, it is considered a landmark.



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### Description of Heritage Attributes

- All elevations and roofline of the two-storey 1919 original school buil including its:
  - Rectangular plan with blind end pavilions;
  - Brick facades with stone accents;
  - Crenelated brick parapet with stone accents and moulded cornice;
  - Main entrance on the front (south) elevation, including its:
  - Projecting frontispiece topped by carved stone tablets with floral motif flanked by carved stone spires;
- Carved date stone reading "1914- Memorial School-1918" with floral motif;
- Projecting entryway in the centre of the frontispiece with crenelated stone parapet with brick accents featuring carved stone spindles and the former coat of arms of the City of Hamilton showing the Steamship, Beaver and Beehive; and,
- Recessed gated opening below the parapet with elaborate stone moulding under a pointed arch with the words, "We gave Our today for your tomorrow/ We died that you might live" in relief above the arch;
  - Projecting decorative brick panels on the front (south) elevation, including its:
- Dichromatic brickwork in lozenge pattern with floral stone accents;
- Horizontal and vertical stone banding with quoins; and



## Description of Heritage Attributes by stone spires: (Continued)

- Stone tablet with floral motif flanked by stone spires;
  - Projecting entrances on both side (east and west) elevations, including

the:

- Pointed arch door openings;
- Recessed entrances with stone moulding;
- Elaborate stone reliefs with a floral motif and shaped transom; and,
- Brick pilasters supporting the raised parapet with carved stone spindles and stone plaques, each entrance having the name of a different famous Canadian soldier: Major-General Sir Edward W. B. Morrison; General Sir Arthur Currie; Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae; and Lieutenant-Colonel William A. Bishop;
- Horizontal stone banding; and,
- Grouped windows with stone window surrounds.



# Description of Heritage Attributes (Continued)

- Interior features of the central auditorium in the 1919 original school building, including its:
  - Coffered ceiling supported by Composite order capitals on brackets;
  - Mural banner over the stage reading, "That our youth may ever remember the valiant men of Hamilton who died in the Great War, this school is a memorial";
  - Moulded proscenium over the stage;
  - Seventeen painting plaques bearing the names of First World War battles in which Canadian troops participated, arranged under the arched openings of the second-floor gallery;
  - Alternating coat of arms of Canada and the United Kingdom arranged on columns supporting the second-floor gallery between painted plaques; and,
  - Sixteen bronze plaques, each bearing the names of 132
     Hamiltonians who died in the First World War, arranged on columns below the coat of arms.



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# Description of Heritage Attributes (Continued)

- All elevations and roofline of the two-storey 1921 Manual Arts Building annex, including its:
  - Brick facades with stone accents;
  - Crenelated parapet with dichromatic brick decorations, moulded cornice, and carved stone reading "Manual Arts";
  - Former entrances with brick pilasters topped with capstones supporting carved stone spires;
  - Horizontal stone banding; and,
  - Stone window surrounds with quoins.
- The concrete plaque reading "Manual Training', originally part of the entrance to the 1921 annex and relocated to the east elevation of the single-storey 1994 brick addition.

The modern gymnasium, built 1970, and single-storey addition, built 1990 to connect the 1919 original school to the 1921 Manual Arts Building annex, are not considered to have heritage value or interest.



# Description of Heritage Attributes (Continued)

Key attributes that embody the contextual value of the property as a defining feature of the historical character of the Crown Point West Neighbourhood include its:

- Location at intersection of Main Street East and Ottawa Street North;
- Deep setbacks of the original 1919 building from Main Street East and Ottawa Street North; and,
- Shallow setback of the 1921 Manual Arts Building annex to Ottawa Street North.



#### Staff Recommendation

That the City Clerk be directed to give **notice of Council's intention to designate 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton (Memorial Public School)**, shown in Appendix A attached to Report PED25033, 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 PED25033, 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.





## QUESTIONS?



## THANK YOU