

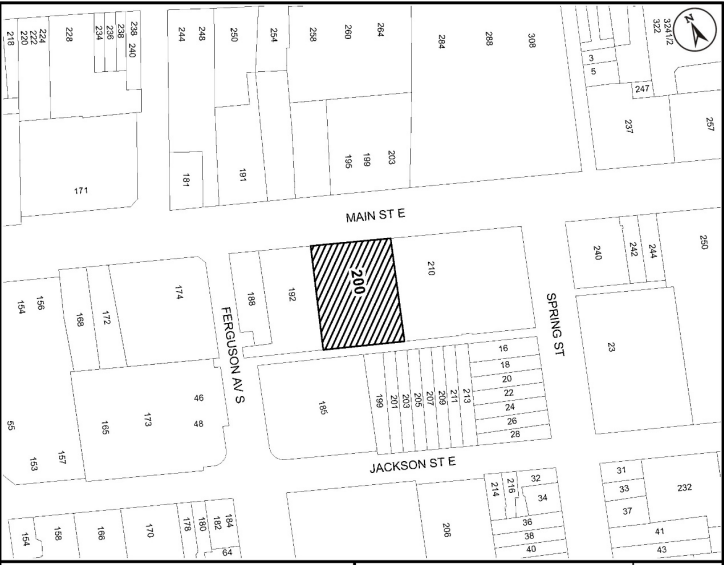


Recommendation To Designate 200 Main Street East, Hamilton (First-Pilgrim United Church)

March 28, 2025

Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

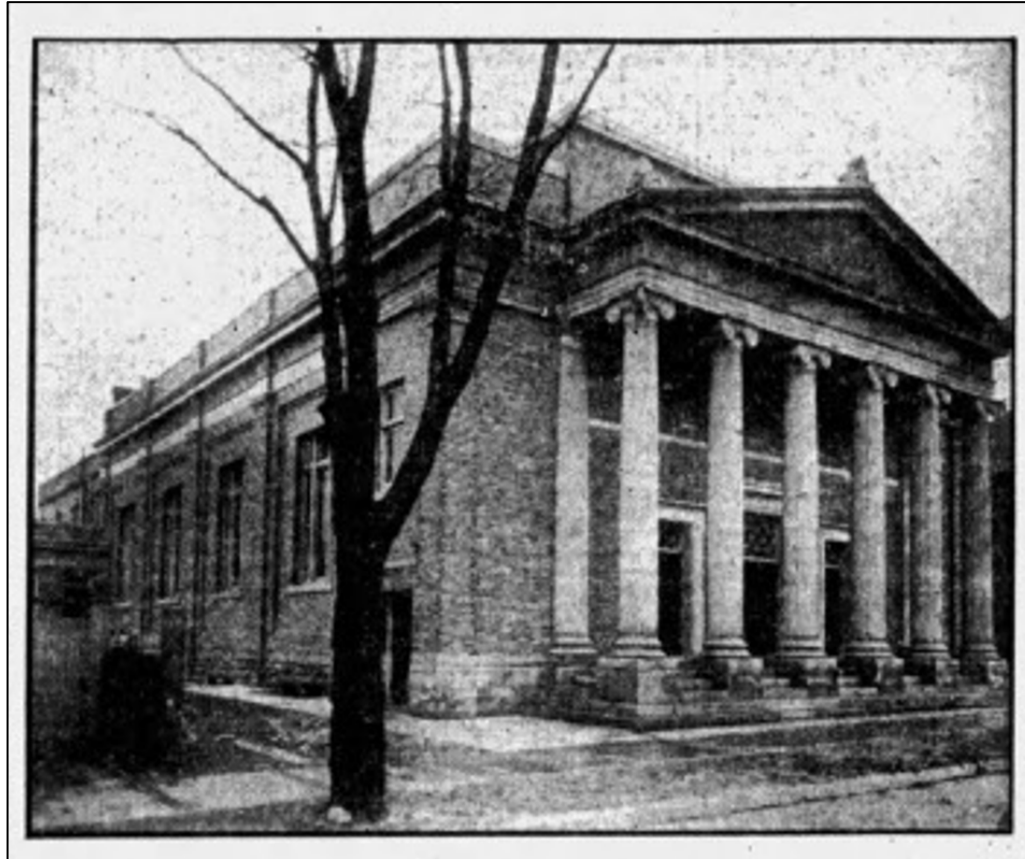
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Background

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

200 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)

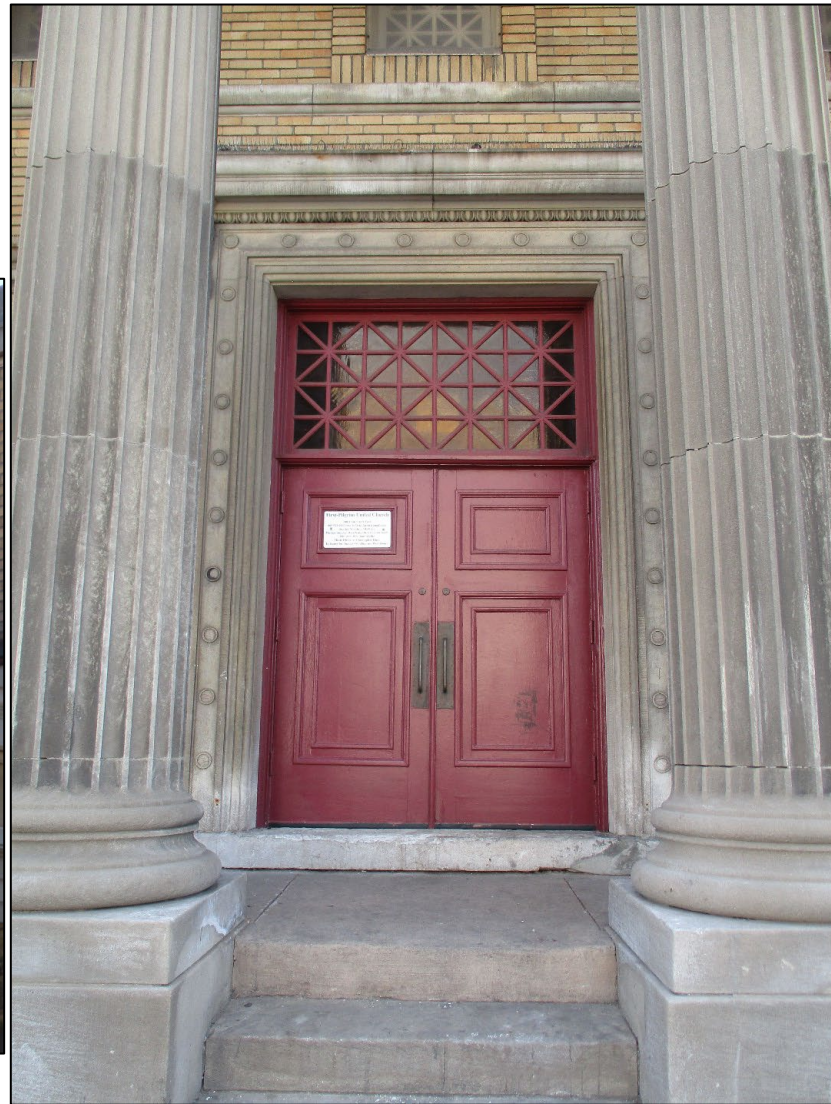


Design / Physical Value

1. The property is a **representative example** of a **Beaux Arts** church which is also a **rare example** of a church in this style in **Hamilton**.
2. The property displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
3. The property does not display a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

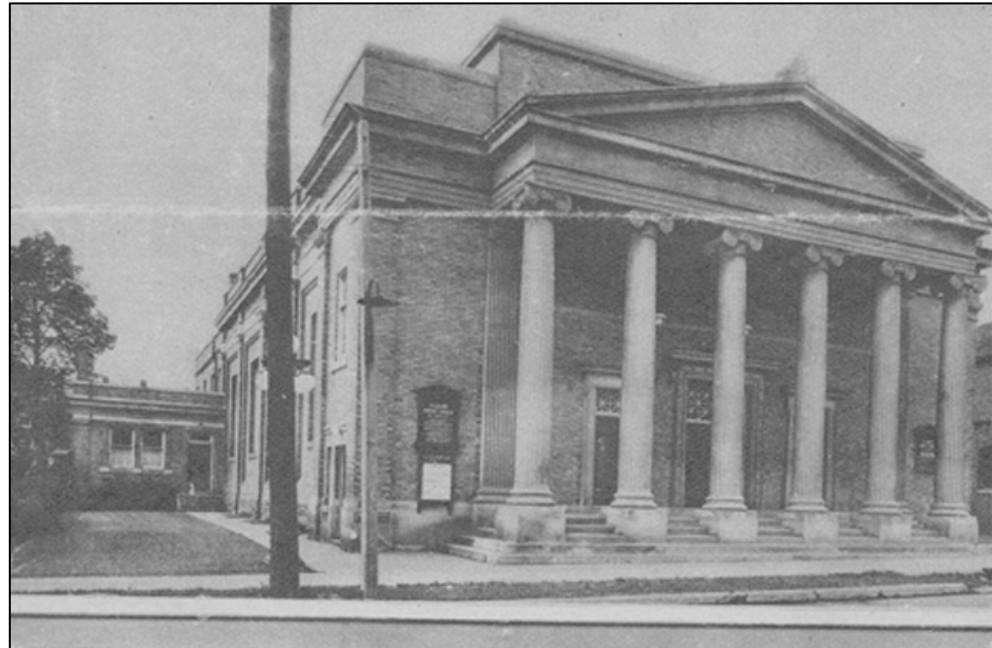






Historical / Associative Value

4. The property is associated with the long-standing **First-Pilgrim United Church**.
5. The property has the **potential** to yield information that **contributes** to an understanding of Hamilton's **United Church** community.
6. The property is considered to demonstrate the work or ideas of noted Hamilton architect **Stewart McPhie**.







Contextual Value

7. The property **supports** the **character** of the **Corktown neighborhood**.
8. The property is **historically 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 church at **200 Main Street East** was built in 1913. It has design value as a **representative example** of the **Beaux-Arts** style of architecture as applied to a place of worship and as a **rare example** of a **Hamilton** church built in the **Beaux-Arts** style. The property displays a **high degree of craftsmanship**.

The historical value of the property lies in its association with the historic **First-Pilgrim United Church**, which has had a presence in Hamilton since **1835**. It is also associated with leading Hamilton architect **Stewart McPhie**.

Contextually, this property helps **support** the **character** of the **Corktown Neighborhood**, and is **historically linked** to its surroundings. As a distinctive, massive and highly visible structure, it is considered a **landmark**.

Description of Heritage Attributes (Summary)

- The front (north) and side (east and west) elevations and roofline of the 1913 building, including its:
 - Buff brick laid in stretcher bond;
 - Brick parapet with a projecting moulded cornice with brick frieze and plain stone architrave below;
 - Symmetrical front façade with its:
 - Plain triangular pediment with stone moulding and cornice, topped by carved stone palmette acroterion at the peak and corners;
 - Plain frieze and cornice under pediment supported by six composite order stone columns and two Corinthian order fluted pilasters;
 - Central entrance flanked by smaller secondary entrances with carved stone surrounds;
 - Moulded stone surround on the central entrance with oval decorations flanked by ornate carved brackets supporting cornice;
 - Roman latticework windows in transoms and windows; and,
 - Original date stone reading “AD 1912” and rededication date stone reading “1984”.
 - Side elevations with:
 - Recessed window bays with dentils; and,
 - Square brick pilasters separating the window bays.

Key attributes that embody the contextual value of the property as a supporting feature of the historical character of Corktown and as a neighbourhood landmark, include its:

- Location fronting onto Main Street East with a minimal setback from the public right-of-way.

Staff Recommendation

That the City Clerk be directed to give **notice of Council's intention to designate 200 Main Street East, Hamilton (First-Pilgrim United Church)**, shown in Appendix A attached to Report PED25070, 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 PED25070, 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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QUESTIONS?



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