



Recommendation To Designate 252 Caroline Street South, Hamilton (Central Presbyterian Church)

April 25, 2025

Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

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1991 – Ontario Heritage Trust erects plaque commemorating Property.

May 2017 - Property listed on Municipal Heritage Register.

March 2023 – Council-directed high priority for designation



Recommendation for Designation Under Part IV of the OHA

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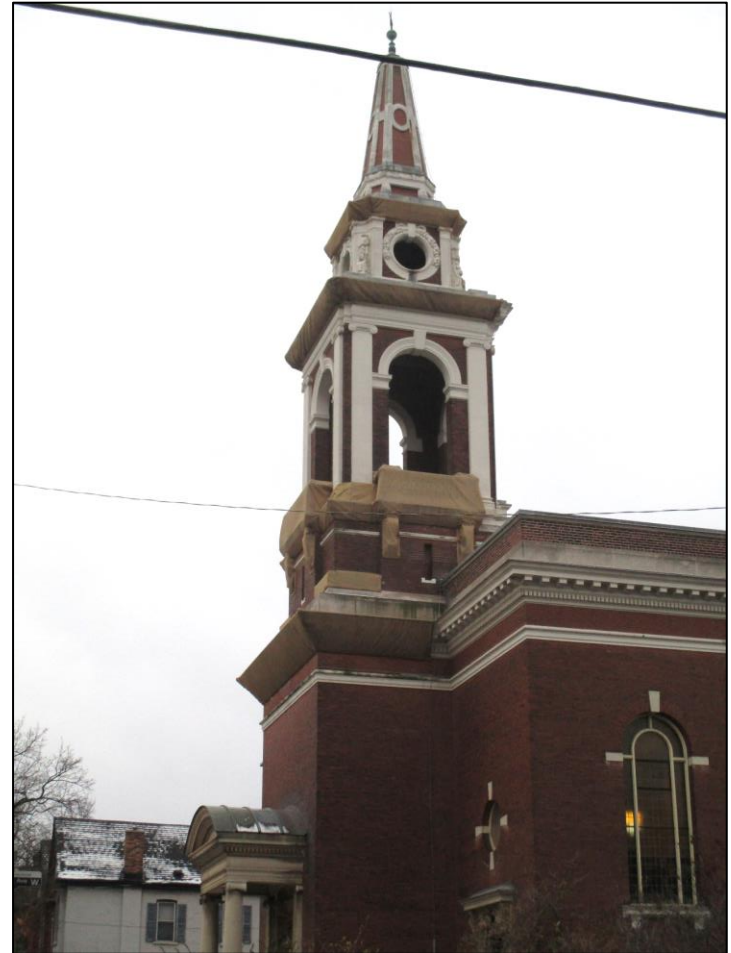
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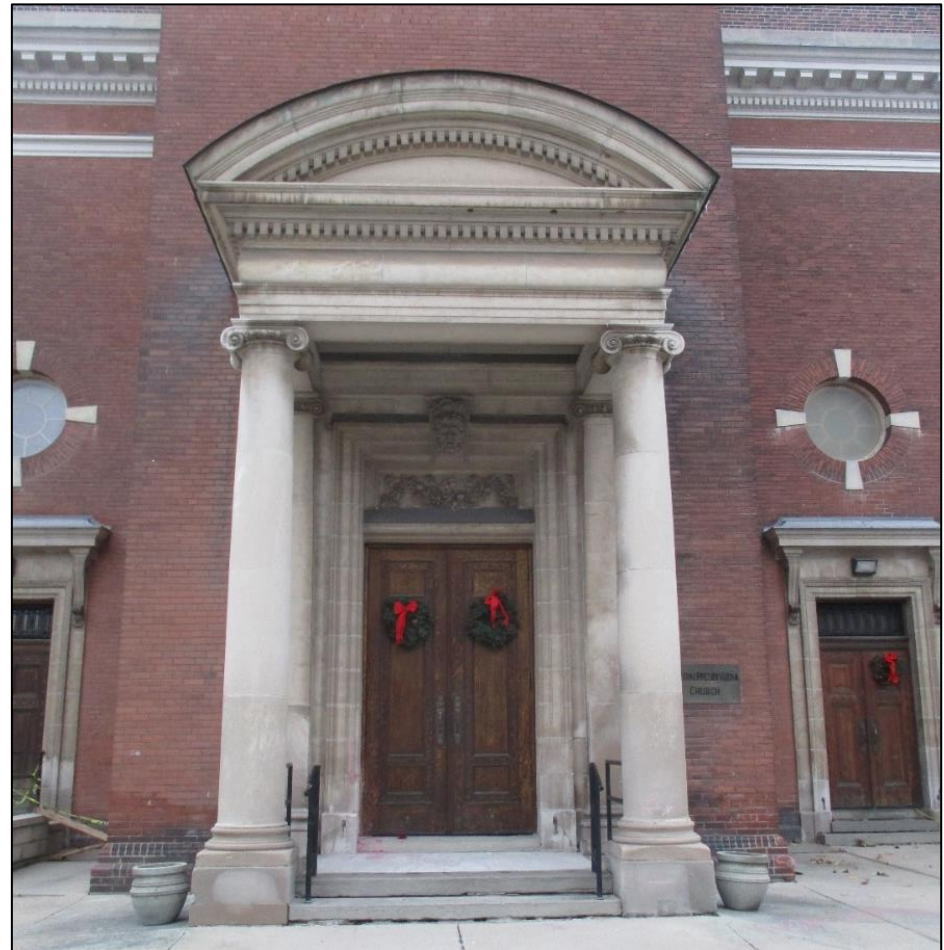
- Design / Physical (Criteria #1, 2)
- Historical / Associative (Criteria #4, 5, 6)
- Contextual (Criteria #7, 8, 9)

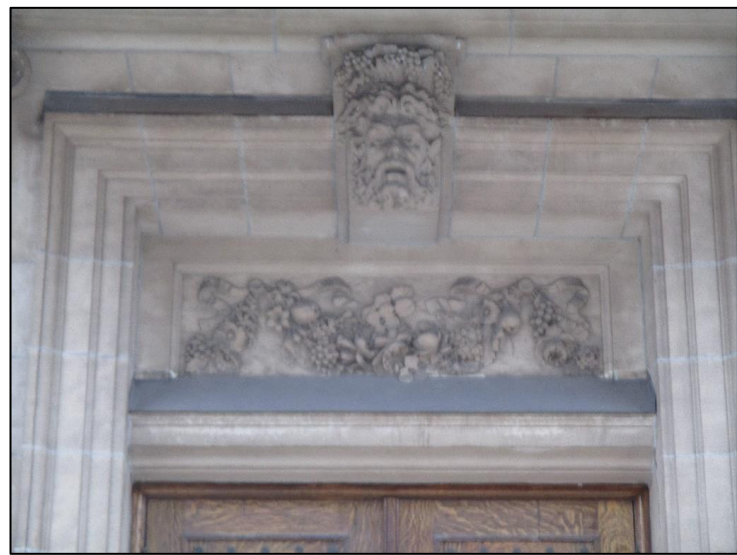


Design / Physical Value

1. The property is a **representative example** of a place of worship **influenced** by the **Beaux-Arts** and **Colonial Revival** styles, which is also an **early example** of the **Colonial Revival** in **Ontario**.
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.

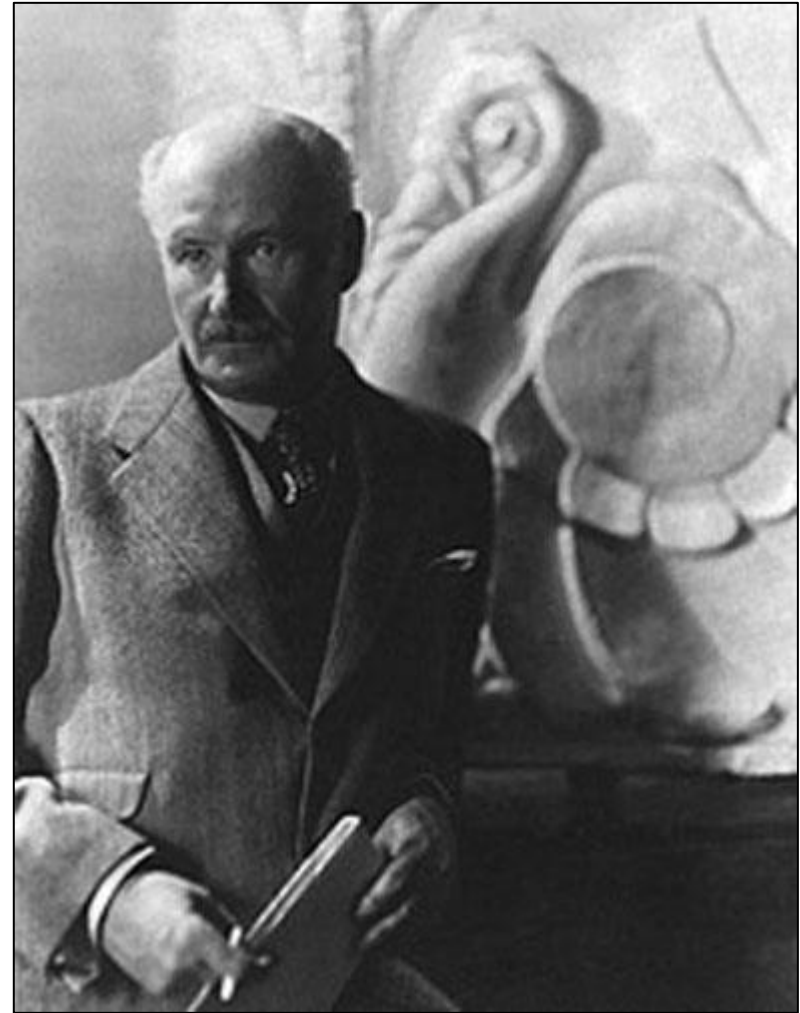




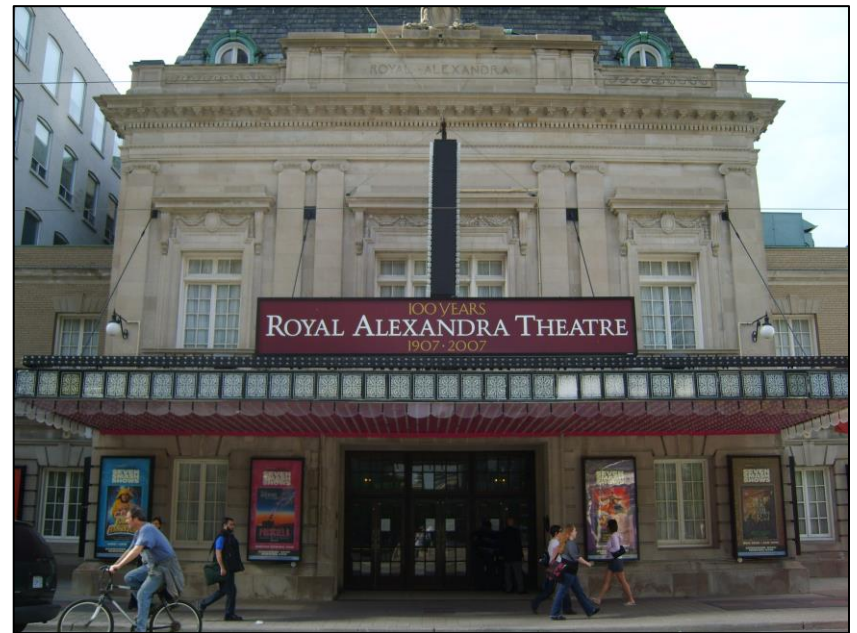


Historical / Associative Value

4. The property is associated with the long-standing **Central Presbyterian Church**.
5. The property has the **potential** to yield information that **contributes** to an understanding of Hamilton's **Presbyterian** community.
6. The property is considered to demonstrate the work or ideas of famed **Canadian** architect **John McIntosh Lyle**.







Contextual Value

7. The property **defines** the **character** of the **Durand neighborhood**.
8. The property is **visually** and **historically linked to its surroundings**.
9. The property is **considered** to be a local **landmark**.



Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (Summary)

The one-storey brick church at **252 Caroline Street South** was built in 1908. It has design value as a **representative example** of a place of worship influenced by the **Beaux-Arts** and **Colonial Revival** architectural styles and as an **early example** of the **Colonial Revival** style in **Ontario**. The property displays a **high degree of craftsmanship**.

The historical value of the property lies in its association with the historic **Central Presbyterian Church**, which has had a presence in Hamilton since **1841**. It is also associated with famed Canadian architect **John McIntosh Lyle**.

Contextually, this property is important in **defining the character** of the **Durand Neighborhood**, and is **visually and historically linked** to its surroundings. As a distinctive, massive and highly visible structure, it is considered a **landmark**.

Description of Heritage Attributes

(Summary)

- All elevations and roofline of the one-storey brick 1908 place of worship, including its:
 - T-shaped plan;
 - Red brick façade laid in Common bond;
 - Brick steeple with stone accents including belfry; including the:
 - Belfry with stone arches supported by brick piers, Ionic pilasters topped by entablature and stone balconies;
 - Lantern with stone oculus openings with carved floral motifs, Doric pilasters, and corner niches; and,
 - Octagonal brick spire with stone accents.
 - Flat roof with a brick parapet and stone entablature with projecting cornice, modillions, and dentils below;
 - Symmetrical front (east) façade with its:
 - Main entrance with moulded stone door surround with floral motif and carved stone head in Classical style;
 - Portico with segmental pediment supported by entablature on top of Ionic columns and pilasters;
 - Flanking oculus windows with brick voussoirs and stone keystones;
 - Flanking entrances with moulded stone surround with moulded flat pediment supported by carved brackets;
 - Round-headed windows with elaborate stained glass with moulded cornice and supporting carved brackets;
 - Projecting rounded side entrances with half-dome roof and moulded cornice with moulded stone door surround, transom and triangular pediment supported by carved brackets.

The original first storey on the 1908 Sunday School building is considered to be of cultural heritage value or interest but is not included in the list of Heritage Attributes forming part of this designation by-law.

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

- Location at the corner of Caroline Street South and Charlton Avenue West with a moderate setback from the public right-of-way; and,
- The highly visible brick steeple with belfry, lantern, and octagonal spire.

Staff Recommendation

That the City Clerk be directed to give **notice of Council's intention to designate 252 Caroline Street South, Hamilton (Central Presbyterian Church)**, shown in Appendix A attached to Report PED25071, 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 PED25071, 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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