City of Hamilton - Heritage Permit Application Note Sheet

Address: 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton (McMaster University Historic Core, Part IV) **Permit Number:** HP2025-009

Owner: McMaster University c/o Sam Sargeos **Applicant/Agent:** Ed Schuck

Description of proposed alterations:

- Installation of mechanical upgrades on the University Hall building, including;
 - Installation of two new passive ventilation hoods along the central core of the flat roof area, made of prefabricated metal housings with a galvanized finish, projecting approximately 32" above the roof surface; and,
 - New intake/exhaust ventilation grilles to be installed in two panes of an existing window opening on the north end of the building.

Note: This property received conditional approval from HPRS for a heritage permit which included a similar scope of work in 2022. HP2022-034 was approved in December 2022, the previous heritage permit expired December 31, 2024.

Reasons for proposed alterations:

- New system upgrades are proposed for this Historic building as mandated by currently adopted standards and regulations regarding ventilation of McMaster University facilities.
- New air handling units are proposed to service the entire building and will be housed within the existing attic spaces.

Documentation submitted with application:

- Heritage Permit application form
- Architectural Drawings of Proposed Work

Draft Conditions for Consideration:

- 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 May 31, 2027. If the alteration(s) are not completed by May 31, 2027, then this approval expires as of that date and no alterations shall be undertaken without a new approval issued by the City of Hamilton.

Designated Heritage Attributes (By-law No. 08-002)

DESIGNATED FEATURES

The boundaries of the designated property extend from the west side of Wallingford Hall to the east side of University Hall and Edwards Hall and from Scholar's Road to the ravine edge and the north side of Edwards Hall; it also includes Hamilton Hall, the Refectory and the Alumni Memorial Building.

Important to the preservation of this cluster of six buildings are: the original architectural materials and features of the façades and roofs of all six buildings, including the stone ashlar and brick masonry walls; cut stone door/ window surrounds, mullions and tracery; stone entrance steps, carved stone ornamentation, wrought-ironwork (notably the entrance doors of University Hall and Hamilton Hall).

The landscaped open space within the boundaries defined above, including the low stone wall with the Tudor archway linking University Hall and Edwards Hall. Also important to the preservation of University Hall, the Refectory and the Alumni Memorial Building are the interior spaces identified respectively as Convocation Hall, the Refectory Dining Hall and Memorial Hall and all of their original architectural finishes and features.

Photographs



Figure 1: Image of Univeristy Hall, north elevation, from google photo sphere.

Plans / Drawings

Please see Architectural Drawings attached as **Appendix** "A" to this Notesheet.

Please see Specs for Glazing Louvres attached as "Appendix B" to this Notesheet.