

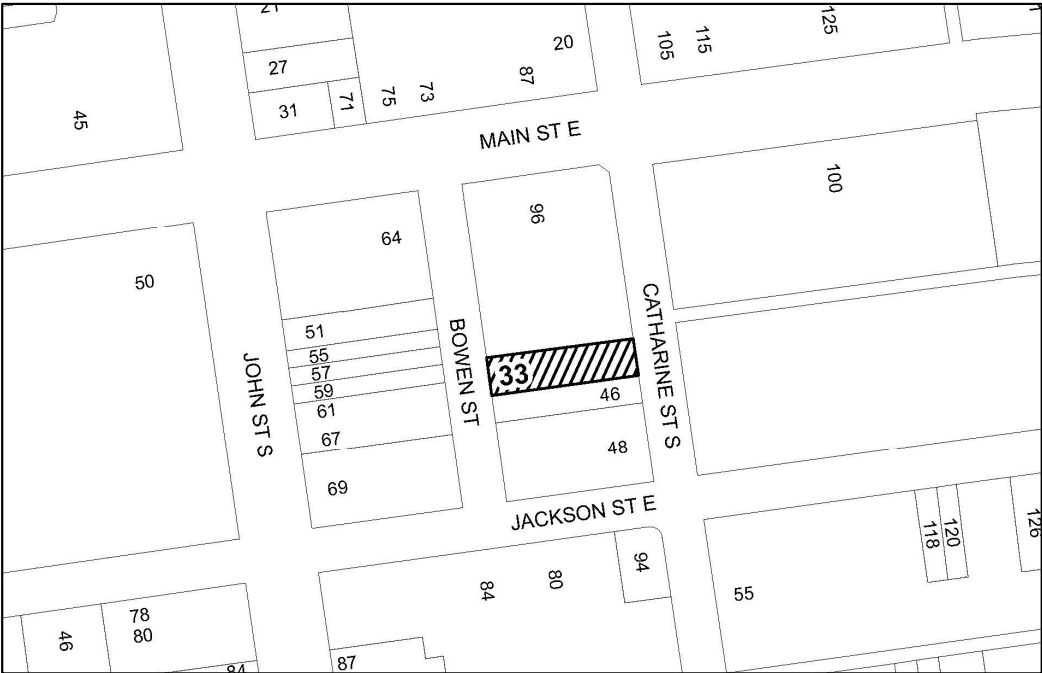


Recommendation To Designate 33 Bowen Street, Hamilton

April 17, 2026

Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

33 Bowen Street, Hamilton



Background

August 2014 - Property listed on Municipal Heritage Register.

2024 – Formal Consultation application for neighbouring property.

November 2025 – Property Listed for Sale.



Recommendation for Designation Under Part IV of the OHA

33 Bowen Street, Hamilton

Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria (5 of 9)

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



Design / Physical Value

1. The property is a **representative example** of a nineteenth-century **vernacular** commercial structure.
2. The property does not display a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
3. The property does not **demonstrate** a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.



Historical / Associative Value

4. The property is associated with Hamilton's **early growth**, the former **Courthouse Hotel** and **John Bradley**.
5. The property has the **potential** to yield information that **contributes** to an understanding of the community of **Corktown**.
6. The property is considered to demonstrate the work or ideas of an architect, builder or designer.



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restaurant to an old
Hamilton building.

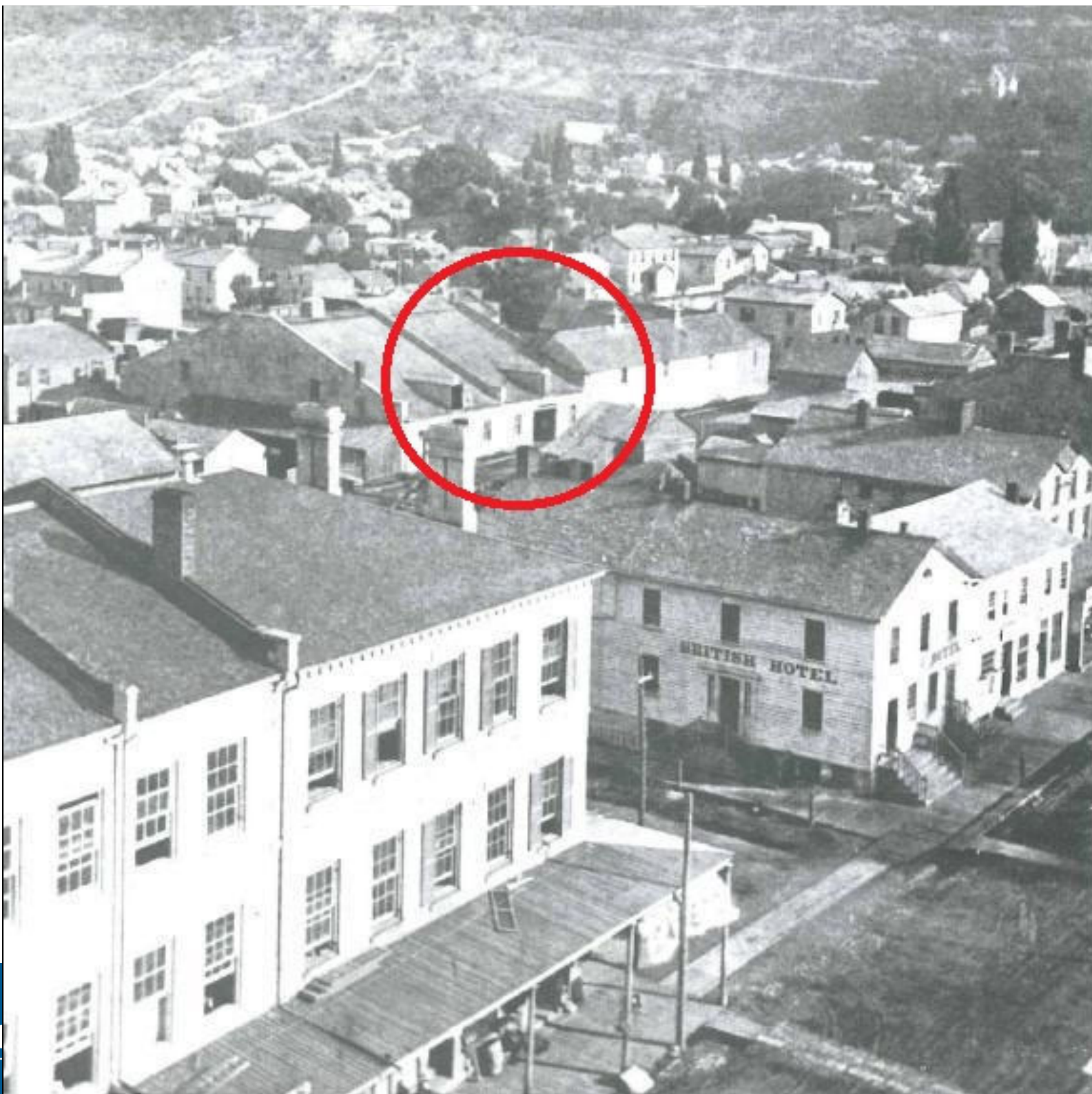


Nimec Construction, general contractors, are pleased to announce that they have completed re-construction of the new Keg Restaurant, in downtown Hamilton at 33 Bowen Street.

This project involved the complete re-construction of an over- 100-year-old building to modern specifications while still retaining the original charm and character of the original 19th century livery stable.

Nimec Construction is involved in all facets of the building industry including renovations, alterations and new construction.

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Contextual Value

7. The property defines the **character of Bowen Street.**
8. The property is **historically, visually and functionally linked to its surroundings.**
9. The property is not considered to be a local landmark.



Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (Summary)

The one-and-a-half storey stone and brick building at **33 Bowen Street** was built circa 1834. It has design value as a **representative example** of a **vernacular** nineteenth-century **commercial** building.

The historical value of this former stable lies in its association with the theme of the City of Hamilton's **early growth as a commercial center** and with its associations to the historic **Court House Hotel**, for which it was built, and to the Hotel's first owner, influential businessman, politician, and innkeeper **John Bradley** (1805-1864).

Contextually, this property is important in **defining** the character of **Bowen Street** as a secondary street supporting the businesses facing the former courthouse square. It is **historically, visually, and functionally** linked to its surroundings, being on its original location behind the John Street commercial buildings it was built to serve.

Description of Heritage Attributes (Summary)

- All elevations and roofline of the one-and-a-half-storey circa 1834 stone and brick structure, including its:
 - Masonry construction;
 - Side gable roof with raised parapets;
 - Cut-stone front (west) façade with stone voussoirs and sills;
 - Rubble stone side (south) façade;
 - Gable roof dormer over the front entrance;
 - Rear (east) brick addition with brick pilasters and parapet; and,
 - Stone foundation.

Key attributes that embody the contextual value of the property as a defining feature of the historical character of Bowen Street and the Corktown Neighbourhood, include its:

- Location along Bowen Street facing the rear of the John Street buildings at the public right-of-way.

Staff Recommendation

That the City Clerk be directed to give **notice of Council's intention to designate 33 Bowen Street, Hamilton**, shown in Appendix A attached to Report PED26075, 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 PED26075, 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