



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the General Committee**

From: **Allan Seabrooke, Commissioner of Community Services**

Meeting Date: **February 11, 2019**

Subject: **Report CSACH19-003
Status of Listed Properties on the Heritage Register and
Addition of Properties**

Purpose

A report to provide an update regarding listed properties on the City's Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSACH19-003, dated February 11, 2019 of the Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:

- a) That the 38 remaining unlisted properties recommended for listing by the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) in Report PACAC16-038 included in Appendix A of this report be listed on the City's Register of Heritage Properties as being of cultural heritage value or interest be approved; and,
- b) That a list of properties on the City's Heritage Register, attached as Appendix B, be received; and,
- c) That the City Clerk be authorized to keep available for viewing by the public a current copy of the Register to be updated at regular intervals by Heritage Staff as approved by Council.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

City Council, at its meeting of June 5, 2017, in considering Report CSACH17-005, adopted the initial group of listed Properties as recommended by the PACAC for addition to the City's Heritage Register with the exception of 38 properties within the core area of the city bounded by Bethune Street to the west, Sherbrooke Street to the south, the Otonabee River to the east and London Street to the north. Properties within this area were to be considered separately as part of a holistic view of heritage preservation and intensification requirements through the Official Plan update process. City Council, at its meeting of September 10, 2018, in considering Report CSACH18-004, adopted a second list bringing the total number of listed properties on the City's Heritage Register to 113.

City Council, at its meeting of January 28, 2019 through a Notice of Motion, adopted the recommendations of report PACAC19-008 to list 411 properties on the City's Heritage Register bringing the total number of listed buildings to 524. The new list includes a wide array of buildings including agricultural structures, bridges, schools, houses, industrial and commercial buildings. Council also passed a motion that the inclusion of 38 properties previously recommended by the PACAC be deferred to its next General Committee meeting.

Given that the current timeline places the completion of a draft of the Official Plan update in fall of 2019, concern exists that significant heritage buildings will remain unprotected for too long a period before the holistic review of the heritage of downtown could take place. The listing of these 38 properties furthers the comprehensive protection of the City's heritage resources in the core area.

Overview and Legislative Direction

Section 27 of the **Ontario Heritage Act** requires that the Clerk of the municipality keep a register of designated properties in the City, both those designated individually under Part IV of the Act and under Part V as part of a Heritage Conservation District (HCD). Under the amendments made in 2006, the register may also include properties that are not designated but that the Council and municipality believe to be of cultural heritage value or interest to the community.

In 2006, City Council approved recommendation (b) of Report CSACH06-011 to the Committee of the Whole that:

Pursuant to the **Ontario Heritage Act** Section 27.1 as amended by the **Stronger City of Toronto for a Stronger Ontario Act, 2006**, the register of places of cultural heritage value or interest kept by the clerk, be upgraded to include properties that have not been designated under Part IV of the Act, but that the Council and municipality believe to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

Properties listed on the Register as non-designated properties are those which have been identified as having cultural heritage value or interest. This means that they would be eligible for designation in the future should Council, in consultation with the PACAC, deem it appropriate. However, these properties do not have the same controls placed on them as properties that are designated. They do not have to go through an approvals process to make alterations to the property but neither are they protected to the same extent as designated properties. Listing does provide one element of control by the municipality by requiring the owner of a building to give 60 days notice of their intention to seek a demolition permit.

The 60-day waiting period is required by the Act and provides Council the opportunity to review the heritage value of the property and determine if the property is worthy of designation. Peterborough, like many municipalities, has many more historically significant properties than time and staff resources allow for designation. The 60-day period provides Council time to seek input with the PACAC, as required by law, and begin the designation process to protect a building if it wishes. This provision also allows Council to require the submission of plans, and other information about a property's proposed redevelopment prior to issuing a demolition permit. Listing is an important planning tool to assist a municipality in understanding and recognizing the breadth of its heritage resources and managing their future development as necessary.

Properties are recommended for inclusion on the Register based on assessed cultural heritage value or interest. Heritage value or interest is determined by Heritage Staff in consultation with the PACAC using Regulation 9/06 of the **Ontario Heritage Act**. This regulation sets out nine criteria assessing cultural heritage value and determining eligibility under the Act. There are no provincial criteria for adding listed properties to the Register but the PACAC currently recommends properties that meet at least one of the Regulation 9/06 criteria. This ensures that all properties on the City Register have clearly identified cultural heritage value. This process of identification and evaluation is ongoing as Heritage Staff and the PACAC continue to identify and research buildings worthy of inclusion on the Register.

Next Steps

The addition of listed properties to the City's Heritage Register is a cumulative process. The PACAC, in its role of providing advice on heritage matters to Council, will be recommending the addition of properties to the Register as appropriate. Currently staff anticipates this occurring semi-annually.

Summary

This report recommends the addition of 38 listed properties for a total of 562 listed properties on the City's Heritage Register, attached as Appendix B.

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Attachments:

Appendix A: Proposed 38 Proposed Properties for Listing on the Heritage Register
Appendix B: Summary of 562 Listed Properties on the Heritage Register