



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner of Community Services

Meeting Date: February 3, 2020

Subject: Report CSACH20-001
Review of Demolition Proposal at 107 Park Street North

Purpose

A report regarding the demolition of the smokestack at the former Canadian General Electric plant.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSACH20-001, dated February 3, 2020, of the Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:

That, pursuant to the requirements of the **Ontario Heritage Act** as it pertains to properties listed on the City's Heritage Register, the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that the smokestack located at 107 Park Street N (former CGE plant) be approved for demolition.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications as the result of the recommendations of this report.

Background

City Council, at its meeting of August 27, 2018, approved the recommendations of Report CSACH18-004 Listing of Properties on the Heritage Register recommending the

addition of the property at 107 Park Street N, the former Canadian General Electric (CGE) plant, as a listed property on the City's Heritage Register. **Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990** requires that the owner of the property must give the council of the municipality at least 60 days notice of the owner's intention to demolish or remove a building or structure from a listed property. JMX Contracting Inc., 27 Anderson Blvd. Uxbridge, ON L9P 0C7, acting as the agent for the owners of the property has indicated the company will seek a permit to demolish the smokestack at the former CGE plant. This report acts as notice to Council. If this recommendation is adopted the designation will not proceed and the demolition will be able to proceed

Under the requirements of the **Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act**, the council of a municipality shall consult with its municipal heritage committee before making a decision regarding the removal of structures on Listed properties. At its meeting of January 7, 2020, the PACAC approved the recommendations of Report PACAC20-009 as follows:

- a) That the PACAC review the application for demolition of a portion of the Listed property known municipally as 107 Park Street North, and;
- b) That the PACAC support the recommendation of staff that the smokestack on the former Canadian General Electric (CGE) factory site may be demolished, and;
- c) That PACAC support the recommendation of staff that the CGE site remain a listed property, and;
- d) That staff be directed to forward PACAC's recommendations to Council.

As indicated by the above recommendation to the PACAC, staff has reviewed the demolition proposal and does not feel that the stack is historically significant. This determination does not extend to the entire complex, however, and staff believes that the property should remain listed so that the 60 day notice period remains in effect should other more historic structures be proposed for demolition on the property.

Submitted by,

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