



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the General Committee

**From:** Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner of Community Services

**Meeting Date:** November 8, 2021

**Subject:** Report CSACH21-011  
Demolition of a Designated Heritage Property – 512-514 College St

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## **Purpose**

A report to receive the opinion of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee regarding the demolition of a designated heritage building.

## **Recommendations**

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSACH21-011, dated November 8, 2021, of the Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:

- a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (the PACAC), to allow the demolition of the structure at 512-514 College Street, Peterborough, Ontario be received;
- b) That paragraph 1.e) of By-law 09-109 be repealed;
- c) That notice of intention to repeal paragraph 1.e) of By-law 09-109 be advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c. O.8, s. 31, and
- d) That the owners of the property, and the Ontario Heritage Trust, be served with notice of intention to repeal paragraph 1.e) of By-law 09-109 as per the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.8, s. 31.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation(s) in this report.

## Background

On June 24, 2021 a fire severely damaged the historic residence at 512-514 College Street. Subsequent investigation of the site by structural engineers has determined that the building is now structurally unsound and will require removal.

Built by George Malloch between 1830 and 1850, 512-514 College Street has excellent cultural heritage value as a well-preserved example of vernacular housing in the historically significant neighbourhood that developed around the Dickson Mills Lumber Company. The house is a vernacular example of the Regency style, popular between 1820 and 1860 and characterized by elements like the low hip roof, an emphasis on symmetry and a full width verandah.

Under Section 34 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 the owner of a designated heritage property must seek the consent of Council prior to demolishing or removing any of the property's heritage attributes, as set out in the designation By-law. Further Council is required to consult with its Municipal Heritage Committee prior to giving its consent. Council may also request further information as it deems necessary prior to making its determination.

At a meeting of the PACAC held October 28, 2021 the PACAC received report PACAC21-023 recommending that paragraph 1.e) of By-law 09-109 be repealed to remove reference to 512-514 College Street. The PACAC subsequently passed the following motions:

- a) That the recommendation made by the PACAC under other business at its meeting of October 7, 2021, regarding the demolition of 512-514 College St, be rescinded, and;
- b) That paragraph 1.e) of By-law 09-109 be repealed to delete all reference to the designation of 512-514 College St.

The reason for the two recommendations from PACAC was that the demolition was first reviewed at the October 7<sup>th</sup> PACAC meeting where it received the support of PACAC to recommend the demolition but it was subsequently determined that repeal of paragraph 1.e) of the By-law was also procedurally required. This was considered by PACAC at their October 28<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

## Summary

This report recommends the repeal of paragraph 1.e) of By-law 09-09 to remove 512-514 College Street and its heritage designation. The building is not structurally sound

following a fire and its demolition is necessary. The amendment of the By-law will permit the demolition of the structure.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A - By-law 09-109