



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** **Members of the General Committee**

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

**Meeting Date:** **August 27, 2018**

**Subject:** **Report CSACH18-004**  
**Listing of Properties on the Heritage Register**

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## **Purpose**

A report to recommend the listing of certain properties on the City's Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

## **Recommendations**

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSACH18-004, dated August 27, 2018, of the Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:

- a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC), that the properties 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 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 the Heritage Preservation Office as approved by Council.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

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

## Background

### Overview and Legislative Direction

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.

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.

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 from 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 the Heritage Preservation Office (HPO) 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 the HPO and the PACAC continue to identify and research buildings worthy of inclusion on the Register.

### **Proposed Addition to Register**

At its meeting of June 7, 2017, Council approved an initial list of 62 properties, recommended by the PACAC, as the first listed properties to the Heritage Register with the understanding that the Register would be updated at regular intervals.

At its meeting of February 1, 2018, the PACAC endorsed a second group of properties for listing on the Register and requested that staff forward their recommendation to Council for consideration. This list is attached as Appendix A of this report and a map of these properties is included as Appendix B.

While not required by the Ontario Heritage Act, the owners of the 50 properties proposed for Listing were notified in writing by regular mail. As of August 20, 2018, six responses had been received. Two responses were from Catholic churches and indicated that they were opposed to listing their church buildings on the Register. Three responses requested more information on the history of their properties and were supportive of inclusion on the Register. One respondent had not yet provided final comment. Staff will provide updated feedback at the General Committee meeting as required.

The properties included in the current recommendation were chosen from across the city and represent a range of historic neighbourhoods and building types. However, the list does not include properties within the identified Urban Growth Area in the downtown core. As per Council's direction on June 5, 2017, the list excludes properties in this area as defined by Bethune Street to the west, Sherbrooke Street to the south, the Otonabee River to the east, and London Street to the north. Heritage properties within this area will be considered separately as part of the Official plan Review process.

The current list also focuses on a number of historic, landmark, and architecturally significant places of faith in the city. These were identified specifically because of a growing concern over the number of churches that are closing, and for which adaptive reuse proposals are being considered.

## Summary

This report recommends the inclusion of non-designated properties on the City's Heritage Register.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:  
Appendix A: Proposed Properties for Listing on the Heritage Register  
Appendix B: Map of Proposed Properties for Listing on the Heritage Register