

To: Members of the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee

(ACHAC)

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: February 9, 2017

Subject: Report ACHAC17-009

Heritage Register Endorsement

Purpose

A report to recommend that the ACHAC endorse the proposed inclusion of eligible properties on the Heritage Register.

Recommendations

That the ACHAC approve the recommendations outlined in Report ACHAC17-009, dated February 9, 2017 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the proposed inclusion of eligible properties on the Heritage Register be endorsed by the committee;
- b) That staff be requested to include this endorsement in the report to Council for its consideration.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Under the amendments made to the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) in 2005, Section 27(1.2) states that the heritage register maintained by the City Clerk may include property that has not been designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, but that the Council of the municipality believes to be of cultural heritage value or interest. Properties are added to this list by Council in consultation with the Municipal Heritage Committee.

Properties listed on the register, which are not designated, are subject to Section 27(3) of the OHA which states that the owner of the property shall not demolish or remove a building or structure on the property or permit the demolition or removal of the building or structure unless the owner gives the council of the municipality at least 60 days notice in writing of their intent to seek a demolition permit. The 60 day waiting period provides Council time to seek input from its Municipal Heritage Committee and, if desired, begin the designation process to protect a property. This provision in the Act also allows Council to require the submission of plans, if it wishes, as well as other information about how the property will be redeveloped.

Strategic Direction 3 of the City's Municipal Cultural Plan, Strengthening Heritage, recommends the following action: "Make built heritage conservation of the Downtown a corporate priority". Pursuant to this action, is the recommended initiative that properties believed to be of cultural heritage value or interest be added to the existing heritage register. The PACAC has also identified the addition of properties to the heritage register as a preferred action item arising out of the third objective of its Strategic Plan, to "Advise and support the Heritage Preservation Office".

The proposed list of properties to be added to the register is included for the consideration of the ACHAC as Appendix A.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A: Proposed list of properties for inclusion on the heritage register