FOUGERE MENCHENTON ARCHITECTURE INC. LEASIDE MANOR HERITAGE REPORT

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## Leaside Manor

Constructed in 1921 by John J. Parker & Flora Parker 39 Topsail Road St. John's, NL

## 1. Introduction to Site **Development**

1.1 A brief description of the property and its location, identifying significant features of the streetscape, buildings, landscapes and vistas.

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The original owner, John Parker, was best known for the legendary Parker and Monroe local footwear retail chain, which he gained ownership of from his father, James Francis Parker. During the early 20th century many residents of Newfoundland and Labrador relied heavily on the urban distributors for supplies, in this case durable footwear. The couple named the property 'The Lea' meaning 'meadow.' The Lea was designated a Registered Heritage Structure by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador in 1997 because of its architectural and historical values. Leaside Manor is currently owned by Dion and Dora Finlay.



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In 1960 he was a President of the St. John's Rotary Club and is a

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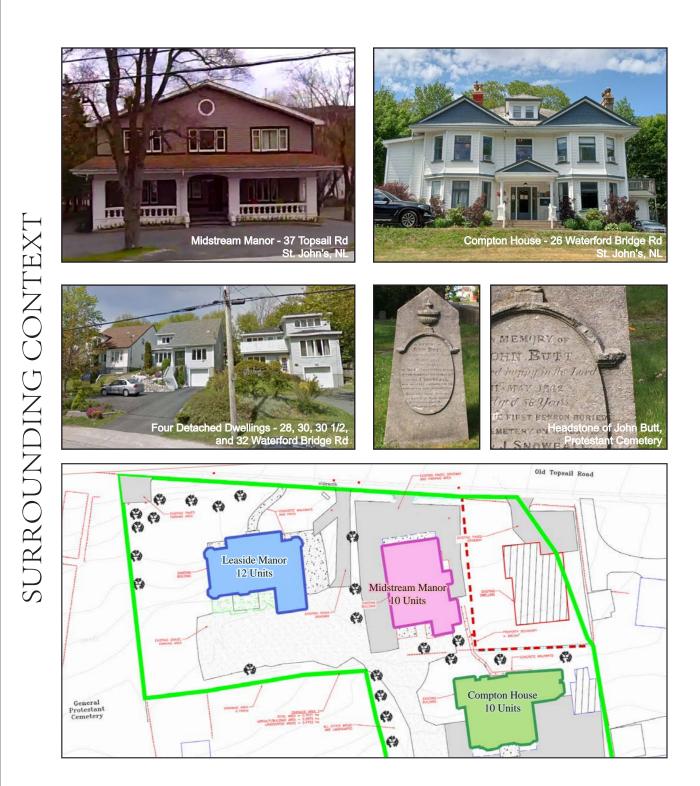
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1.2 Brief description of the context of the property, including adjacent properties and cultural resources, their recognition at the municipal, provincial, and/or federal level and any unidentified or unrecognized potential heritage resources.

Leaside Manor is nestled within a rich historical setting, bordered to the west by the General Protestant Cemetery on Old Topsail Road. The graveyard's first occupant was John Butt, who passed away in May 1842, a time when the area was still rural. On the opposite side, to the east, stands Midstream Manor, an apartment building featuring an elaborate heritage rail adorning its covered porch. While the building's windows and historic elements have been updated and modernized over the years, they still emanate an air of timeless grace. To the south, bordering the rear of Leaside Manor, lies Compton House, also owned by Dion Finlay, along with four contemporary detached dwellings showcasing a more modern architectural design. These residences line Waterford Bridge Road and are notably set back from the street.



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2. Background Research and Analysis

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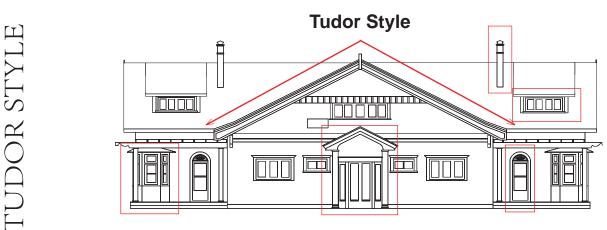
Leaside has undergone interior modifications in the past; however, the functional layout has not significantly changed. The front elevation has remained mostly unchanged. The proposed expansion aims to preserve the existing fabric and details, with the exception of a single-story 8-foot-wide corridor connection at the west side wall of Leaside around the middle of that elevation. Portions of the building have been altered, including the exterior wood fire escape stairs and electrical service interventions. The building structure consists of a wood frame with wood floor construction. The roof details feature wide window trims, horizontal banding, and dentals, all contributing to the distinctive 1920s Tudor revival style mansion in Newfoundland, influenced by the architecture in the United Kingdom.



Prominent Front Facing Gable Steeply Pitched Gable Roofs



Brick or stone Chimneys Groupings of Windows Mullion Windows



Small Diamond Shaped Leaded-Glass Windows



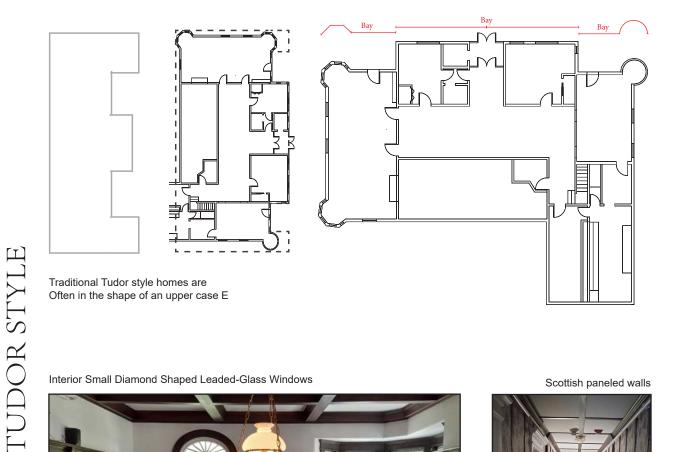
Embellished Doorways Emphasis on Front Entrance



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Architecturally, the Lea will be preserved in its original 1920 Tudor revival style. The Lea is significant because it is one of the only Tudor revival style mansions in Newfoundland. Built in 1920, the style of this house was inspired by the architecture in the United Kingdom. This two-story, cedar shingled building boasts many of the features typical of the Tudor style including an asymmetry between facades, small diamond shaped leadedglass windows and a dominant front facing gable. Even with the intended modifications and extensions, the Tudor style, features, and structure of the Lea will remain completely intact and untouched.



Interior Small Diamond Shaped Leaded-Glass Windows



Scottish paneled walls



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The exterior decoration reflects the wealth of the original occupants, with eaves bracketing, finials highlighting the roof and bay windows, and arched doorways and columns drawing attention to the entrance ways. All of these heritage details are identified by red markings on the adjacent drawings. Additionally one of the unique aspects for this style, The Lea boasts a large reception hall with paneled walls, inspired by the low beam ceiling in the Doulton family home in Scotland.

The rear elevation has had some minor modifications over the years, but the proposed extension plans on leaving both the front and the rear elevations, completely "as is".



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2.3 Include a copy of the City's Statement of Significance for 39 Topsail Road.

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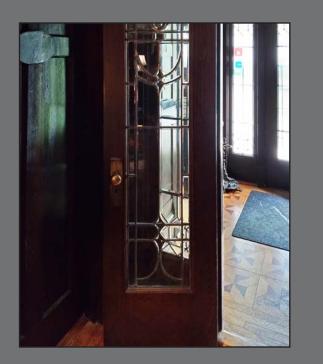
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Formal Recognition Type: Registered Heritage Structure

## 1. Heritage Value

2. Character Defining Elements



## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Formal Recognition Type: Registered Heritage Structure

Heritage Value: The Lea was designated a Registered Heritage Structure by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador in 1997 because of its aesthetic and historic value.

The Lea has aesthetic value as an excellent provincial example of an Arts and Crafts style bungalow. The Lea is situated in the scenic Waterford Valley, the location of many homes built for Newfoundland's upper class in the 1920s. Completed in 1921, the building boasts many of the features typical of the Arts and Crafts movement, including a low-pitched gable roof, shallow shed dormers, projecting eaves, decorative brackets, exposed beams, wooden shingle cladding and a deep, open porch supported by columns. Elements of other architectural styles are also evident in the small diamond shaped leaded-glass windows, corner bay windows and Tudor-style interior finishes.

The Lea has further aesthetic value as the work of a master architect. It was designed by William Duncan McCarter, who completed his architectural education in England before immigrating to Canada in 1915. He worked in Edmonton before moving to St. John's in 1919. Along with designing cold storage plants for use in the fishery, he was also known for his early modernist architecture, including the former Michael's & All Angels Anglican Church, the West End Fire Station and Cornwall Theatre – all on LeMarchant Road in St. John's. McCarter was also the first President of the Newfoundland Association of Architects.

The Lea has historic value due to its association with the Parker family. The home was built for John Parker and his wife Flora. The couple were married in England in 1920 and had contracted William McCarter to design and build the home while they were honeymooning.

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE cont'd

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Parker ran "Parker and Monroe," Newfoundland's best-known shoe company. It was founded in 1880 by John's father James Francis Parker and Daniel Monroe. Upon James' death, John inherited all of his father's shares in Parker and Monroe. The firm had several outlets and a shoe manufacturing plant that produced up to 100,000 pairs of shoes annually. The plant was located on Alexander Street in downtown St. John's, not too far from The Lea. The factory remained open until 1949 and the last store closed in 1988.

## CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS:

All original features which relate to the age and design of the building, including:

Symmetrical facade;

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- Low-pitched, multi-gabled roof;
- Kicked eaves on all gables;
- Projecting wooden eaves;
- Decorative wooden brackets at eaves;
- Exposed wooden beams at eaves;
- Size, style, trim and placement of shallow shed dormers;
- Size, style and placement of chimneys;
- Wooden shingle cladding;
- Rounded doorways with wooden doors and wooden fanlights on main façade;
- Size, style, trim and placement of diamond shaped leaded glass wooden windows;

- Horizontal wooden row windows;
- Deep, open porch supported by wooden columns;
- Main wooden door with leaded glass insert and sidelights;
- Size, style, trim and placement of corner bay windows with exposed beams, wooden windows and wooden transoms;
- Wooden columns on main façade;
- All heavy wooden trim work on the exterior walls and around windows and doors;
- Openings of original lower level garage doors marked by recessed infill;
- All interior features that reflect the age and the design of the building

Source: Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador property file "St. John's - The Lea - FPT 1654"

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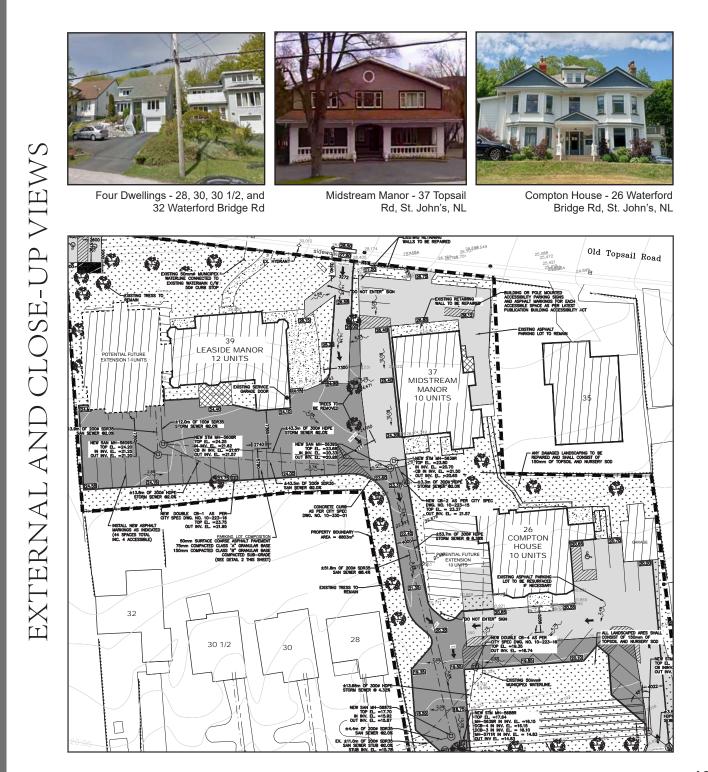
## 3. Assessment of Existing Condition

3.1 A description of the physical condition of the structures on the site, including their exterior and interior.

The physical condition of Leaside is excellent. The property is very well maintained and the significant heritage features and associated fabric of the exteriors and interiors have been maintained and respected over the years.

3.2 Views of the area surrounding the property to show it in context with adjacent properties;

Adjacent is a context map showing the surrounding properties. The graveyard described earlier and throughout this report is a significant neighbouring property. Aside from that, above our adjacent map of the surrounding property, are views of adjacent properties.



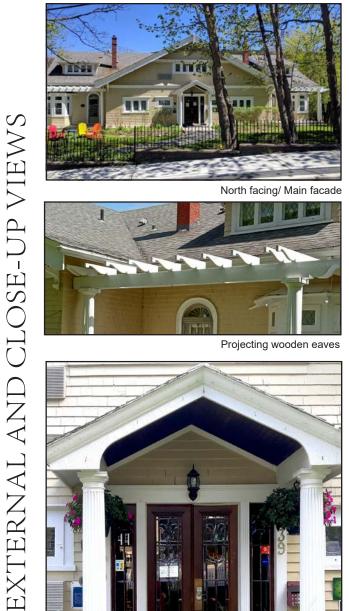
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3.3 Exterior views of each elevation of the building;

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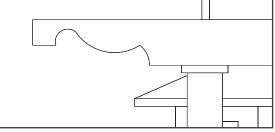
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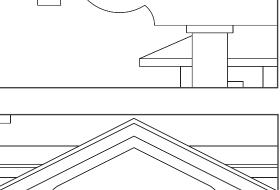


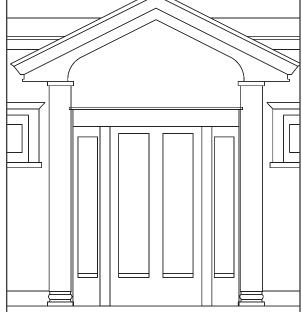






Projecting wooden eaves





Deep, open porch supported by wooden columns, main wooden door with leaded glass insert and light

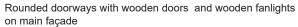
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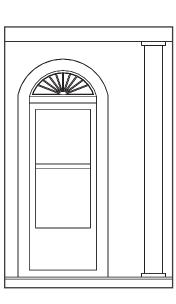
# EXTERNAL AND CLOSE-UP VIEWS



Diamond shaped leaded glass windows









Wooden columns on main façade

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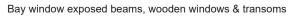
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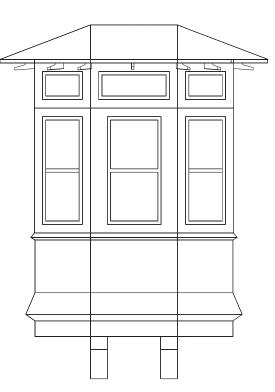


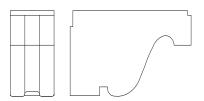












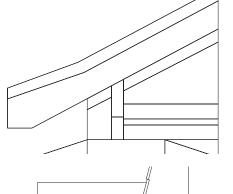


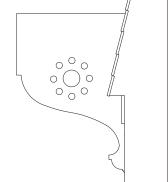
West facing facade











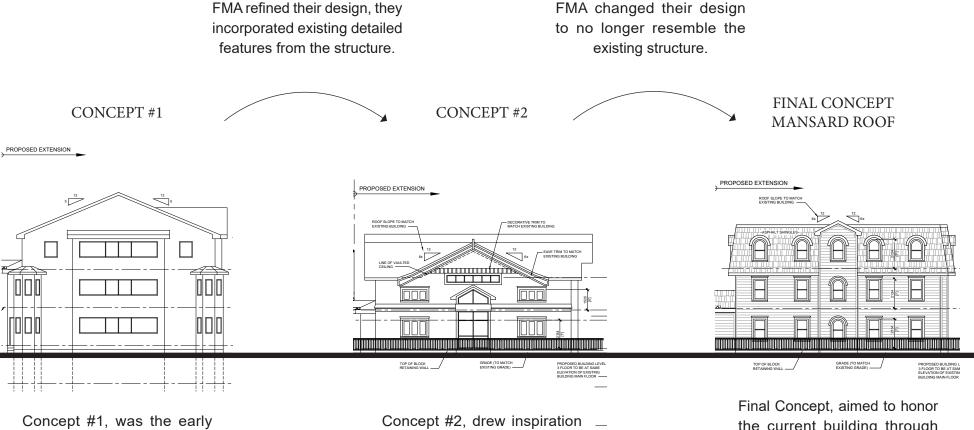


East facing facade

## REVIEW OF TWO OPTIONS FOR THE SITE



## Fougere Menchenton Architecture developed the concept designs for the site adjacent to Leaside Manor, comprising of three main conceptual phases



stages of conceptual design, it focused on the historical bay windows and symmetrical facade of the existing building to draw inspiration.

See Appendix A for full set of plans and elevations

Concept #2, drew inspiration from the historical elements of the heritage structure, striving to seamlessly integrate with the structure. The concept began to mirror the existing building.

See Appendix B for full set of plans, elevations and renders

Final Concept, aimed to honor the current building through its unique architectural style, respectfully departing from imitation. This approach presents the new addition as a contemporary contribution within its own era, that stands apart from Leaside's established heritage. FU

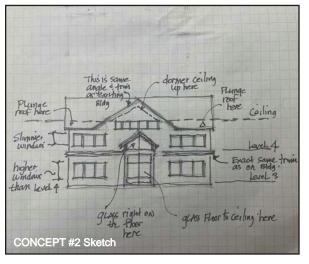
4. Description of the Proposed Development

4.1 A description of the proposed development or site alternation.

This Application is for a new extension/ addition to the existing Leaside Manor. As described above, Leaside Manor is to remain untouched by the new extension except for a single story corridor link connection.







## DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT: FINAL CONCEPT



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4.2 A conceptual site plan and conceptual drawings of all building elevations.

Refer to site plan to the right. For elevations, refer to Page 20.

4.2.1 The description and conceptual drawings should note which heritage feature(s) are considered for retention and which are considered for removal or alteration.

All listed heritage features from section 2.3 and shown in 3.4 above are to not be touched or removed.

## 4.2.2 Site plan to:

i. Include location of the proposed building in relation to neighbouring buildings;

Listed above in section 1.2 and 3.2 are views and maps of the surrounding area and adjacent properties relative to the Leaside Manor.

ii. Include proximity of the building to property lines and identify setbacks;

Refer to site plan to right

iii. Identify any stepbacks of higher stores from lower stores; and,

There are no stepbacks of higher stories from lower stories on the new extension building.





iv. identify any encroachment over property lines.

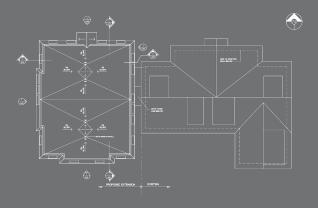
There is no encroachments over property lines and all setbacks and stepbacks conform to all the City of St. John's regulations.

## 4.2.3 Building elevations to include current and proposed elevations and:

See to the right. The horizontal extension to the heritage building must not exceed 75% of the width of that building facade facing a Street. The elevations to the right show the width dimensions of the new extension and the existing heritage building, where the new extension is 70% of the existing building's facade width.

## i. Identify the height of the building;

See elevations to right.







ii. Identify the finish and colour of exterior building materials and why those colour(s) and materials were chosen;

Yellow siding, similar to wood cladding on existing building. Although the architectural style of the new extension is distinctive and independant from the existing heritage building, the colour similarity along with traditional heritage style trims, windows and finishes work to make the extension fit respectfully onto the site.

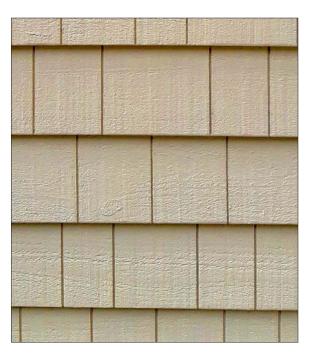
All details on materials for new extension have been included with this report in Appendix C

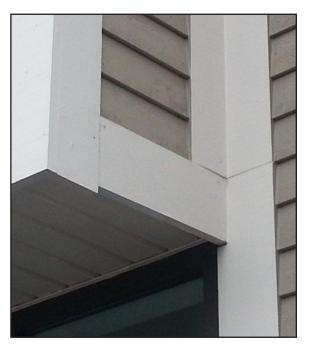
iii. Provide information on the proposed construction of patios/balconies (if applicable);

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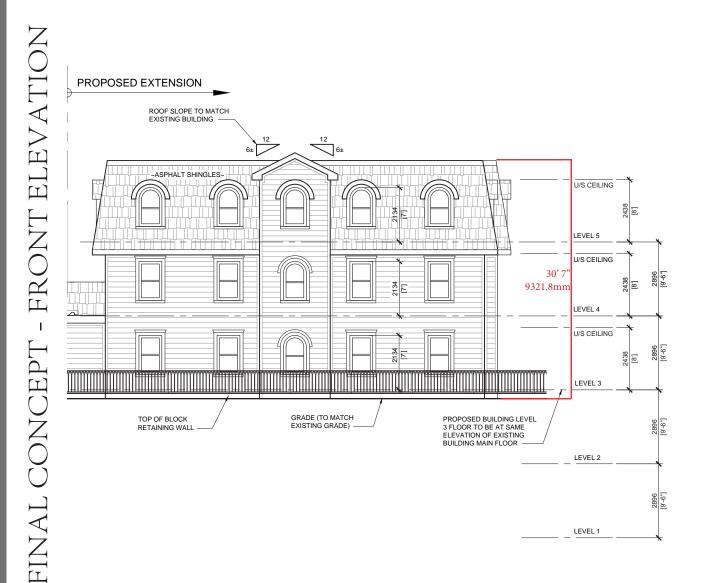
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See right for proposed door.

See Section 3.4 for Close-up views.

iii. Provide information on the proposed construction of patios/balconies (if applicable);

There are no new patios or balconies proposed for extension.





v. Include immediately adjacent buildings and spaces to inform scale/massing/ context

Refer to Context Rendering on the following page, along with all photos, drawings and renderings in this report for context.



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4.3 A description of how the proposed development aligns with the Heritage Design Standards of the St. John's Heritage By-Law.

We are committed to strictly adhering to the precise specifications outlined in the current Heritage Design Standards.

The new extension is subordinate to and distinguisable from the heritage building. The front facade of the new extension is 1 meter from aligning with the front facade of the heritage building. this allows better visual expression of the Heritage Structure.

In addition, the Heritage Guidelines being considered by the City include the following stipulations:

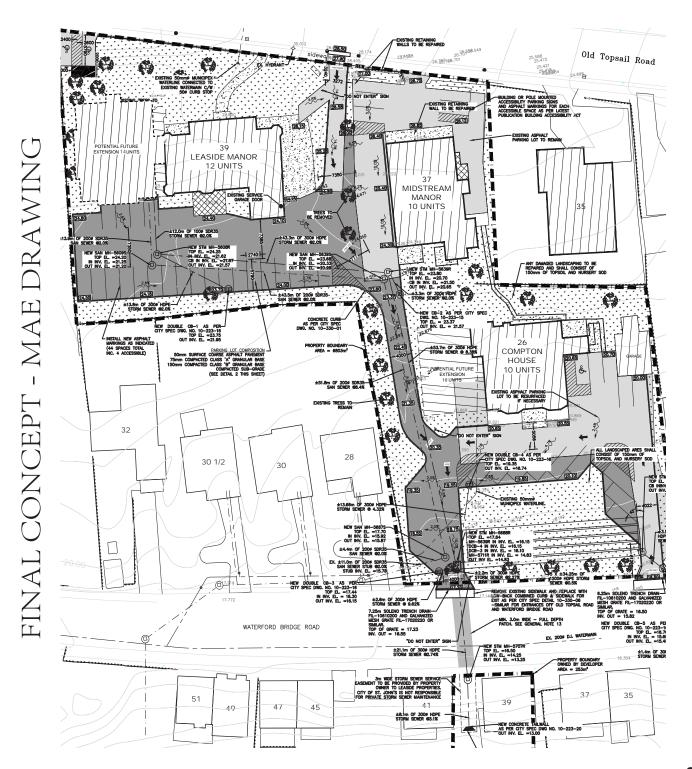


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## Heritage Use

(1) A horizontal extension to a building containing a heritage use on a facade facing a Street shall not exceed 75% of the width of that building facade; Our current application to the city complies with this, as the horizontal extension to a Building containing a Heritage has a width less then 75% of the original Heritage Building façade. The proposed extension spans 70% of the width of the Heritage Building.

(2) A vertical extension to a building containing a heritage use shall step back from the original building. The distance of the stepback shall be at the discretion of council; We are also in compliance with this stipulation as we are not suggesting a vertical extension to the original building.



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## It meets all objective site development requirements.

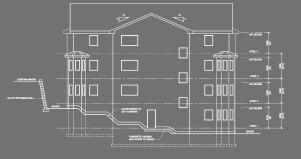
This is the initial design that Fougere Menchenton Architecture Inc created. It proposed a design that aimed to mimic the authenticity of the heritage buildings, It was decided that there needed to visually be a disconnect between the existing historical buildings and their modern day extensions. The BHEP panel recommended a redesign that is more sympathetic to the heritage value of the designated buildings, removing itself from heritage building, rather demonstrating its own time and contribution. This was addressed in future designs as it now appears more like a new independent building, thus better respecting the existing heritage structure.

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## Impact on Heritage Features



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5. Impact of Development on Heritage Features

5.1 A discussion identifying any impact the proposed development or site alteration may have on the heritage features of the site and character-defining elements of the building.

5.1.1 Negative impacts on heritage resources may include, but are not limited to:

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i. the destruction of any, or part of any, significant heritage feature;

The Heritage Structure has been respected by the owners of this property over the years and measures have been taken to avoid possible destruction of any, or part of any, significant heritage feature. All facades of Leaside will remain 'as is' untouched with the exception of a small single story corridor link connecting the new adjacent building.

## ii. alteration that is not sympathetic to the heritage feature;

No alteration to the building, not sympathetic to the heritage feature or otherwise will happen.

iii. isolation of a heritage feature from its surrounding environment, context, or significant relationship;

All heritage features will remain visable and on display. The front apron lawn is very deep and generous at  $\pm 14.5$  meters in the front of the extention and  $\pm 13.5$  meters in the front of the existing Leaside Manor. (See page 18 for site plan with dimensions.)

## iv. direct or indirect obstruction of significant views or vistas;

The new adjacent building will be placed within the existing trees that currently front the property. The view to Leaside is currently through these trees and will continue when the new building is built.

It as well will be viewed through the existing trees at the lot frontage, which as described above offers a very deep and generous front lawn allowing clear views between the trees.

## v. a change in land use which negates the property's cultural heritage value;

A change in land use will not diminish the property's cultural heritage value but rather enhance its connection to the surrounding community. The site currently and historically was built to offer accommodations. The new extention will continue this use. The proposed construction of the new building adjacent to the existing heritage structure offers 18 much-needed housing units in the downtown area. The design complies with all zoning regulations, and will maintain the traditional architectural style of downtown St. John's appearing as a stand-alone building, but is actually an addition to the heritage structure. The new construction adheres to the anticipated requirements, which are expected to be approved by the council, that the new building's front be less than 75% of the length of Leaside and not have any vertical extension.

## vi. land disturbances such as a grade change that alters soils and drainage patterns that adversely affect a cultural heritage resource.

New grades around the new building will blend with existing grades and will not alters soils and drainage patterns where unnessersary. Where no work is taking place on the existing Leaside building, surrounding grades remain as is.



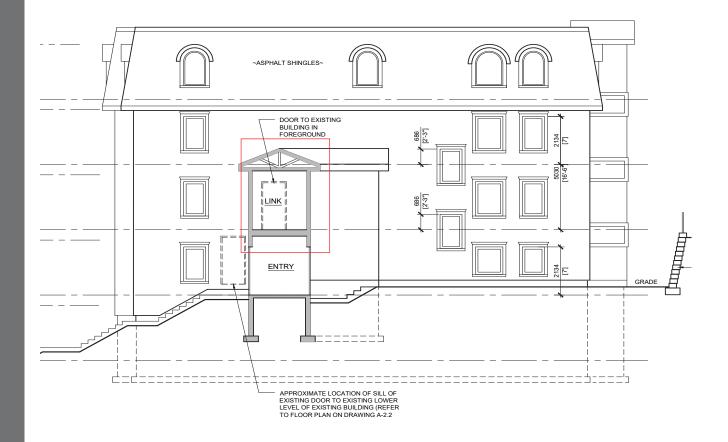
## 6. Recommendation

6.1Provide clear recommendations for the most appropriate course of action for the subject property and any heritage resources within it. This may include, but not limited to:

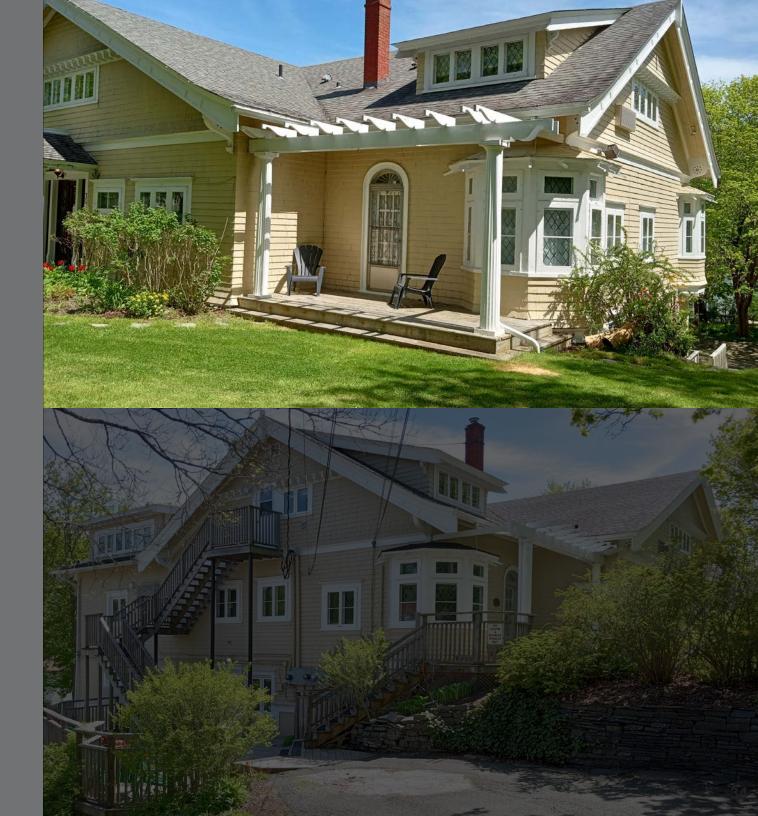
- 6.11 a mitigation strategy
- 6.12 a conservation scope of work;
- 6.13 lighting, landscaping and signage;
- 6.14 interpretation and commemoration.

Where the existing Leaside building is to be untouched except for a small single story corridor link connection, mitigation conservation guidelines are not required other than complete protection of Leaside and its finishes during construction.

Based on the feedback and comments received to date, we endorse the Final Concept, as outlined in the "Description of Development: Final Concept" section of this report. The accompanying Appendix to this report illustrats and depicts the original design that were examined, critiqued, and subsequently refined into the options presented earlier in the report. We, FMA, thank BHEP and the City for working with our team towards the development of this project for our community.



## Appendix A Concept #1



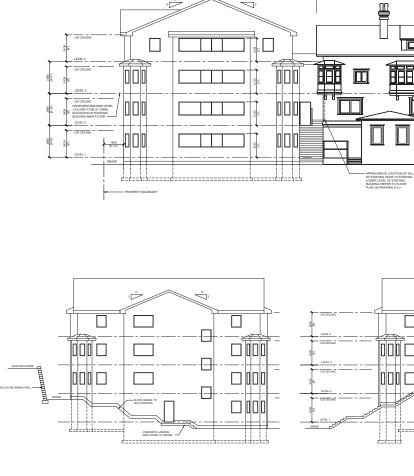




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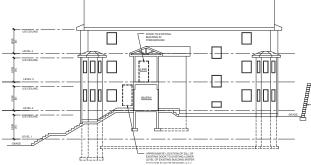
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Appendix B Concept #2



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Appendix C Construction Details



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Notes on Construction Details within this Appendix C:

- Detailing will be similar to the details shown in the photos below.
- Note the mullions now shown in the renderings will be used. The following are shown without window mullions.
- The images to the right are included to show the composition of the details of the sections taken through the below photos, showing:
- Roof Cornice: CertainTeed Hard Board Trim
- Window Trims: CertainTeed Hard Board Trim
- Corner Trims: CertainTeed Hard Board Trim
- Skirt Board Trim: CertainTeed Hard Board Trim
- Siding: Cape cod siding









