

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: 68 Queen's Road, Heritage Designation

Date Prepared: May 7, 2020

Report To: Built Heritage Experts Panel

Councillor and Role: Councillor Maggie Burton, Planning & Development

Ward: Ward 2

Decision/Direction Required:

To make a recommendation to Council regarding the heritage designation of Cathedral Parish Hall, located at 68 Queen's Road.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

Cathedral Parish Hall, located at 68 Queen's Road, is designated as a Heritage Building by Council and the designation is confined to the footprint of the building. The main entrance is designed in the Classical Revival style with arched transom, pilasters, keystone decoration, dentils and quoining. From the Statement of Significance, the character defining elements of this building include the original main entrance, the house-like addition on the left gable end of the building (the Parish Hall Residence), and the size, dimension and location of the building. This site is also located in Heritage Area 1 and the St. John's Ecclesiastical District.

The City is currently reviewing an application to rezone and redevelop this property. If the proposal proceeds, the applicant is requesting to demolish Cathedral Parish Hall, but will maintain the house at the left gable end of the building as a single dwelling. The applicant further proposes to salvage the decorative details of the original archway and use them in a sculptural interpretative installation.

The Parish Hall has been heavily altered and little original material remains, aside from the arch and two windows. The proposed development is dependant on removal of the designation and therefore the heritage designation at this site needs to be evaluated.

As the Parish Hall Residence is to remain and be incorporated into the new development, in any situation the Residence would remain a Designated Heritage Building. For the remainder of the Parish Hall, heritage designation should be determined by the current heritage value of the building and not in relation to the proposed development. The Built Heritage Experts Panel should consider if the existing building merits designation.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: Not applicable.

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2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: Not applicable.
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans: *A Sustainable City* – Plan for land use and preserve and enhance the natural and built environment where we live.
4. Legal or Policy Implications: Subject to the decision of Council, removal of the Heritage Building designation of Cathedral Parish Hall, located at 68 Queen's Road may be required.
5. Privacy Implications: Not applicable.
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: Not applicable.
7. Human Resource Implications: Not applicable.
8. Procurement Implications: Not applicable.
9. Information Technology Implications: Not applicable.
10. Other Implications: Not applicable.

Recommendation:

That the Built Heritage Experts Panel review the documentation provided regarding the designation of Cathedral Parish Hall, located at 68 Queens Road, and make a recommendation to Council on this matter

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