

49 Norfolk Street (The Albion Hotel)

Background Research and Potential Heritage Attributes

March 13, 2022

Presentation Outline

1. Results of Background Research
2. Potential Heritage Attributes
3. Next Steps



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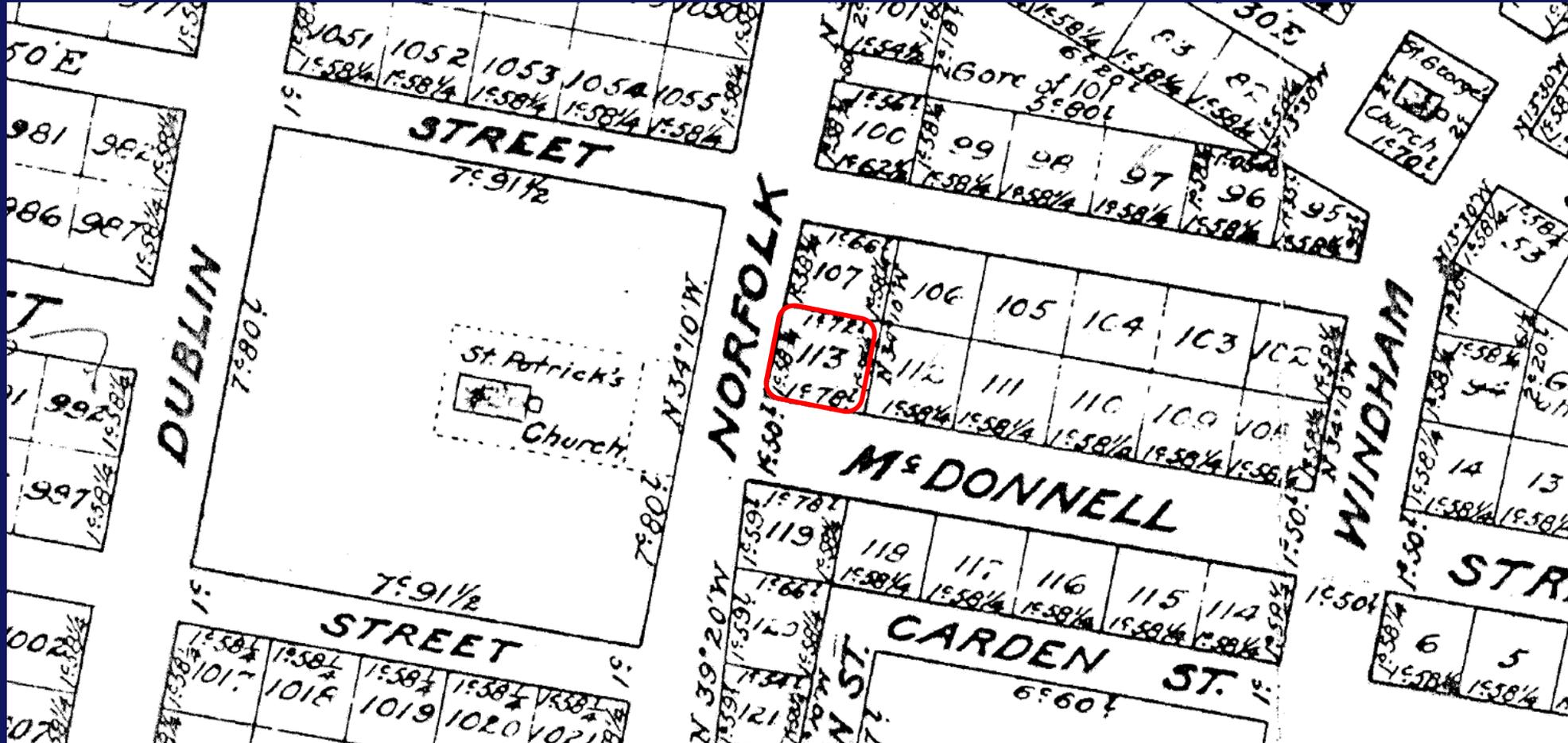
The Albion Hotel or the “Bino”



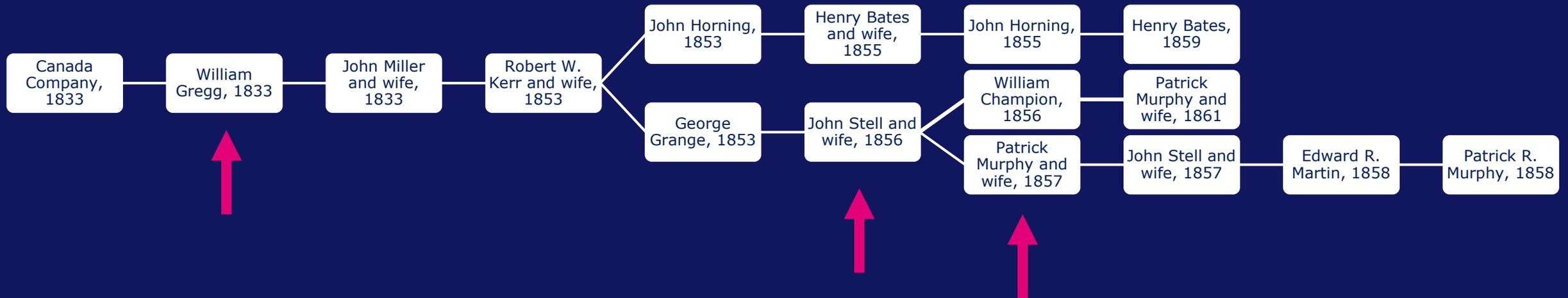
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- Located at 49 Norfolk Street, the Albion Hotel consists of a three-storey stone structure with entrances facing Norfolk St and Macdonell St
- The building utilizes local limestone and was constructed with 18-inch-thick timbers in the Neo-Classical style
- Horses' stables were located directly adjacent to the stone structure; however, they were severed from the property in the early 20th century

Plan 8 (registered c. 1855, John McDonald)



Owners of Lot 113 from 1833-1861



Beginnings of the Albion Hotel

- Original structure on the property was a two-story wooden building called "Stell's Tavern", although its existence is difficult to confirm
- The Murphy family bought the property and built the current stone structure between 1866-1867
- In 1867, Wellington County records lists Patrick Murphy as the proprietor of the Albion Hotel

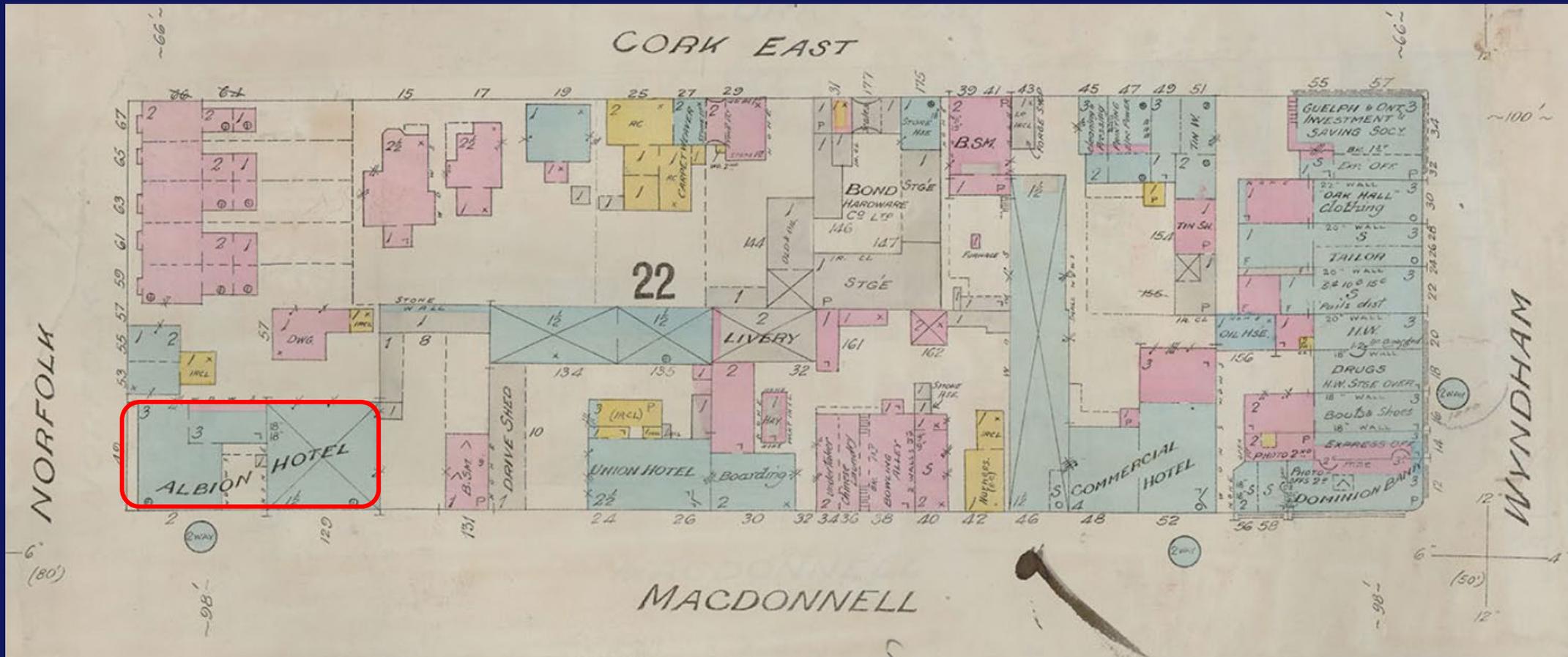


Hinds, A. Leone Foster, 1978.

Birds' Eye View of 1872 Downtown Guelph (Guelph Civic Museum)



Sheet 22 of the Fire Insurance Plan, 1897 (revised 1916) (City of Guelph)



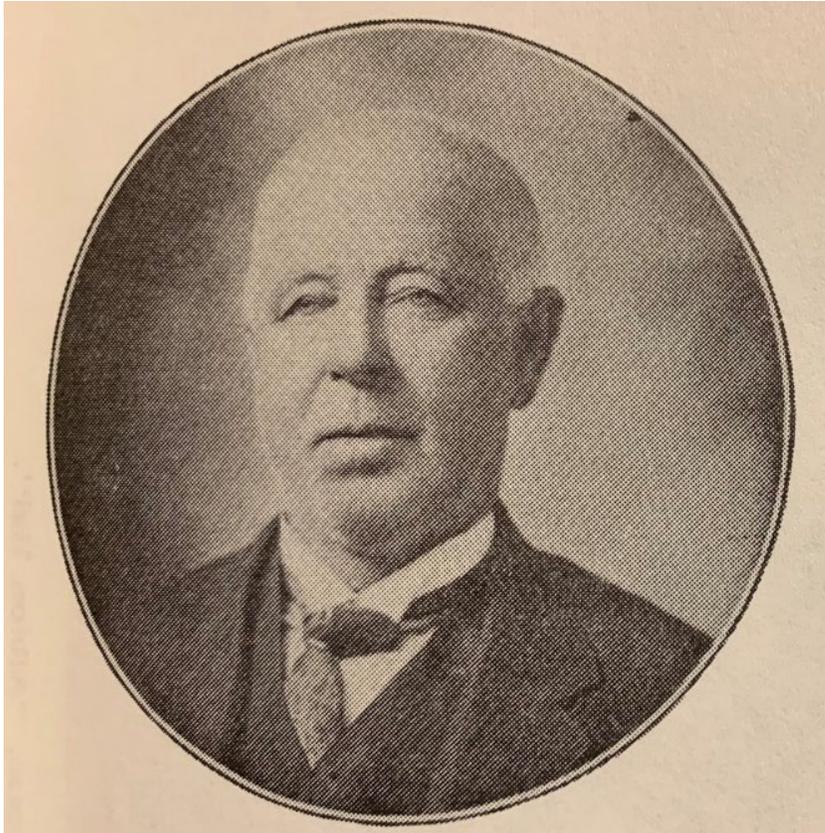
Hotel Industry in Guelph, 19th century

- In 1843, Guelph possessed nine taverns for a population of 700 people
- By 1889, Guelph boasted 22 hotels within a one-mile radius (Downtown Core)
- No other community in western Ontario (except London) had so many hotels
- Macdonell St gained the nickname "Whiskey Street"



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Proprietors of the Albion Hotel

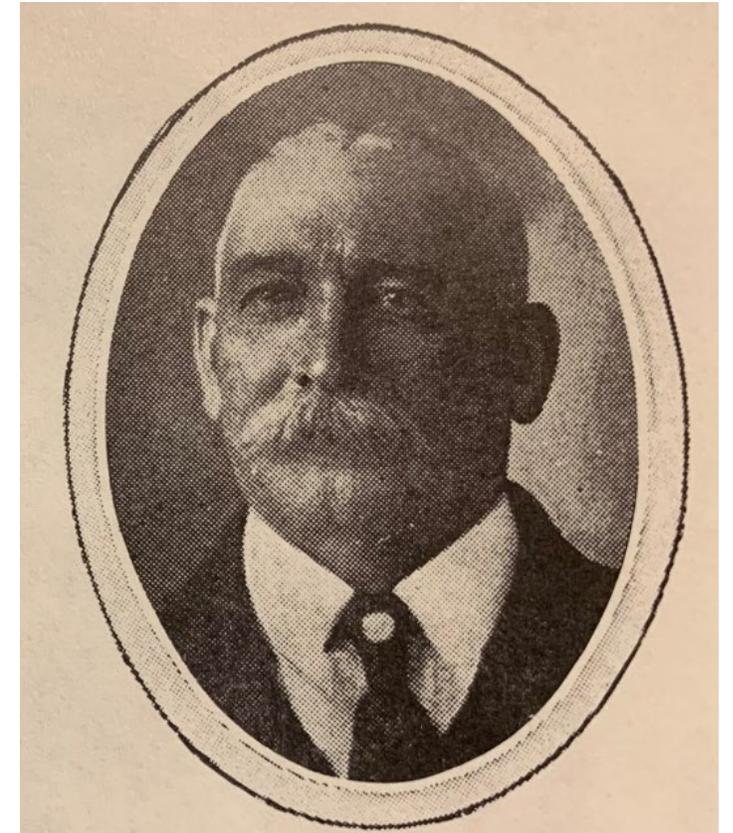


DuCharme, 1985.

← Hugh Malone

In 1922, Mrs. Mary P. Thompson purchased the hotel from Hugh Malone and operated the premises for fifty years.

John McAteer →



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The Albion Hotel – 20th Century

- The Albion Hotel has been in constant use as a hotel, venue, restaurant and bar during the 20th century
- Throughout its life, there has always been an iconic sign on the corner, the current one is seen in photos from as early as 1945



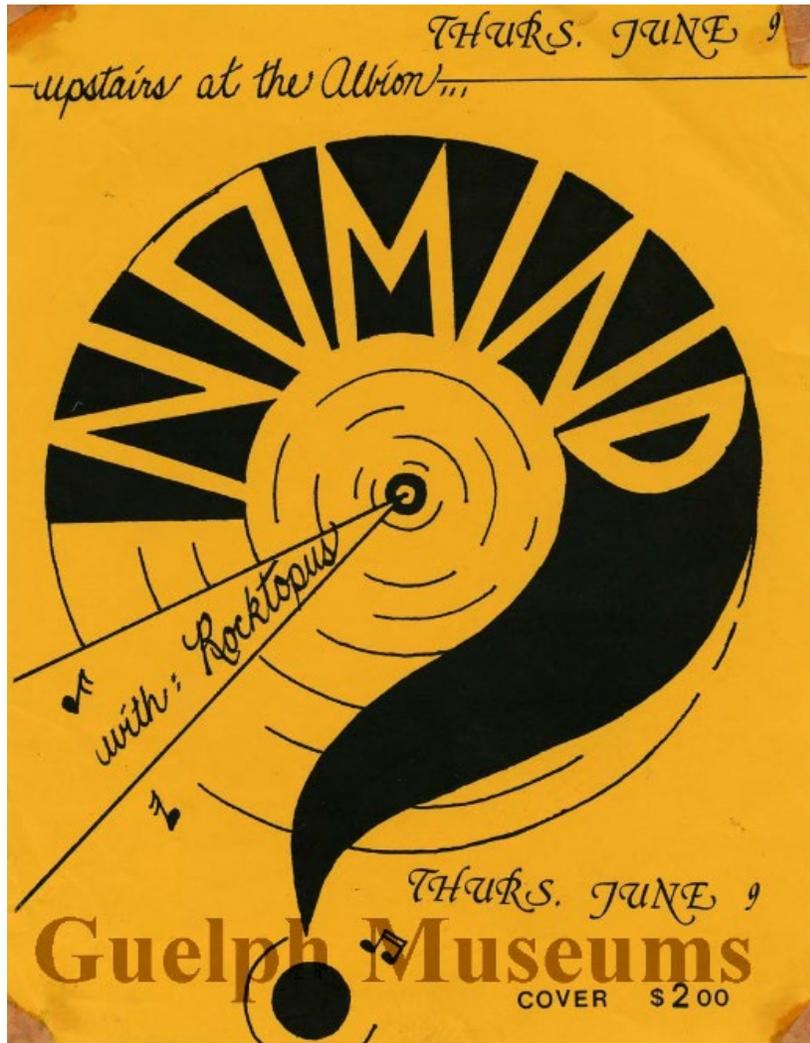
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Potential Heritage Attributes

- All exterior stone walls
- All hip and flat rooflines
- Outward facing stone walls
- West and south balcony design
- Cross shaped sign on the southwest corner of the building, "Albion Hotel"



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Next Steps

1. HG to receive report and vote on heritage attributes
2. Present report recommending designation to Council in June for consideration
3. If Council is supportive, issue a Notice of Intention to Designate
 - After a NOID is issued, there is a thirty-day period for objections.

Questions?