

Advisory Committee of Council Staff Report



To Heritage Guelph
Date Monday, June 12, 2023
Subject **12 Forbes Avenue: Proposed Demolition**

Recommendation

1. THAT Heritage Guelph provides the following advice to the Council of the City of Guelph with respect to the proposed demolition of the accessory structure at 12 Forbes Avenue:
 - The accessory structure is a non-heritage structure and demolition should be permitted
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Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Heritage Guelph with information and staff's recommendation about the proposed demolition of the detached accessory structure located at 12 Forbes Avenue.

Key Findings

The detached accessory structure at 12 Forbes Avenue is located in the Brooklyn and College Hill Heritage Conservation District (HCD) and is designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act.

A complete heritage permit application was received on June 2, 2023.

Staff completed a review of the structure and concluded that it is a non-heritage structure located in the Brooklyn and College Hill HCD. According to Section 4.5.3 of the [Brooklyn and College Hill Heritage Conservation District Plan and Guidelines](#), "Demolition and/or removal of non-heritage buildings and structures (as outlined in Appendix A) may be permitted by Council upon the submission and approval of a heritage permit application."

Financial Implications

None.

Report

The City of Guelph has received a complete heritage permit application to demolish an accessory structure located at 12 Forbes Avenue. This proposed demolition of a non-heritage structure located in the Brooklyn and College Hill HCD will be considered by Council in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The subject property is located on the corner of Forbes Avenue and Fairview Boulevard. According to a 2016 Cultural Heritage Resource Impact Assessment (CHRIA) conducted by CHC Limited and prepared for the severance of 14 Forbes Avenue (see Attachment 1), "the rear clerestory addition, the garage, and the link between them... were designed by the late William E. Coates, a Guelph landscape architect and engineer, and neighbour of the Fergusons. Using stone from the demolished Fergus Town Hall, they were built in 1983" (CHC, 2016, 12). It should be noted that the breezeway, now demolished, was built with the stone from the demolished Fergus Town Hall, not the garage. The CHRIA concludes that "The potential built heritage resource and potentially significant heritage resource on this property is the house. The 1983 garage and link are not considered significant" (CHC, 2016, 22).

The permit application proposes that following demolition, the yard area be turned into gardens.

Heritage staff recommend that the demolition of the non-heritage accessory structure at 12 Forbes Avenue be permitted.

Financial Implications

None.

Attachments

Attachment-1 Cultural Heritage Resource Impact Assessment 14 Forbes Avenue

Attachment-2 Current Photographs

Departmental Approval

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