

By-law Number (2023)-20821

Schedule 1: Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: 49 Norfolk Street

The subject property is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as it meets six of the nine prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 9/06 as amended by Ontario Regulation 569/22 under the Ontario Heritage Act. The heritage attributes of 49 Norfolk Street display design/physical, historical/associative and contextual value.

Design/Physical Value

49 Norfolk Street meets Criterion 1 being of design or physical value as a representative example of a local establishment built in the Neo-Classical style constructed with local limestone, a staple material of early Guelph construction.

Historical/Associative Value

49 Norfolk Street meets Criteria 4 and 5 being of historical or associative value in its contribution to the booming hotel industry in Guelph during the second half of the 19th century and the overall development of downtown Guelph.

Contextual Value

49 Norfolk Street meets Criteria 7, 8 and 9 being of contextual value as it is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the historical character of the downtown core of Guelph as well as the Norfolk and Macdonell streetscapes. As an early limestone building, the Albion Hotel is historically associated with the first wave of the hotel industry in Guelph, a uniquely popular trade in the city. Additionally, the Albion Hotel is within a protected view corridor, visibly linked to the Basilica of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and is an important business and landmark of the downtown core.