

By-law Number (2024)-20979

Schedule 1: Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: 167 Suffolk Street West

The subject property is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act because it meets four of the nine prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 as amended by Ontario Regulation 569/22. The heritage attributes of 220 Gordon Street display: design or physical, historical or associative, and contextual value.

167 Suffolk Street West meets Criterion 1 having design or physical value as it is an early example of an industrial factory built in Guelph for the purposes of manufacturing in the mid-19th century. The 2 and 2.5-storey limestone design makes use of local materials, and the iconic façade can be seen in multiple photographs of well-known Guelph businesses over time.

167 Suffolk Street West meets Criterion 4 because it has direct association with a past mayor of Guelph, Thomas Gowdy, and his industry but also with agriculture as being the origin of multiple implements manufactured by Gowdy and L. Cossitt. Guelph has strong ties in the agricultural community and since this factory was used to promote and support this industry, it contributes to agriculture's continued legacy in the city.

167 Suffolk Street West meets Criterion 7 because it is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the architectural character of the area. This segment of Suffolk Street West is an important historic area of the Guelph Collegiate Candidate Cultural Heritage Landscape as identified in the Cultural Heritage Action Plan (2021). 167 Suffolk Street West meets Criterion 9 because the building's distinctive form as well as its limestone and concrete block construction has become a landmark within the Suffolk Street West streetscape.