

Advisory Committee of Council Staff Report



To Heritage Guelph
Date Monday, September 9, 2024
Subject **19 Fountain Street West: Heritage Attributes and Designation Recommendation**

Recommendation

1. That Heritage Guelph supports the heritage attributes identified for 19 Fountain Street West as outlined in the staff report dated September 9th 2024; and
 2. That Heritage Guelph recommends that City Council give notice of its intention to designate 19 Fountain Street West pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.
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Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Heritage Guelph supports the proposed heritage attributes for 19 Fountain Street West and that Heritage Guelph recommends that Council publish its intention to designate 19 Fountain Street West pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Report

Location

The subject property is located at 19 Fountain Street West, south of Gordon St, east of Nottingham St, and north of Dublin St. The legal description is Part Lot 173, Plan 8, AS IN RO786757; GUELPH.

Statement of Significance

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 19 Fountain Street West display: design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual value.

Design/Physical Value

The subject property meets Criterion 1 because it is rare, early, and unique example of a mid-nineteenth century stone and brick residential dwelling in the City of Guelph. It is particularly unique and rare due to the façade, which displays an early red brick produced in Guelph, of which there are very few extant examples.

The subject property meets Criterion 2 because it exhibits a high degree of craftsmanship in the stone masonry and Flemish bond construction of the brick façade.

Historical/Associative Value

The subject property meets Criterion 4 because it has direct associations with William Dyson, an early Guelph settler who made significant contributions to the development of Guelph. Dyson is directly associated with the property, as it served as his primary residence and was in close proximity to the Red Lion Inn and his carriage shop.

Contextual Value

The subject property meets Criterion 8 because it is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings. The subject property is linked to 'the Red Lion Inn' at 11 Fountain Street West, which was constructed, owned, operated by William Dyson. The Inn was constructed of the same red brick, which is why Dyson named it the "Red Lion Inn."

Heritage Attributes

The following elements of the property at 19 Fountain Street West should be considered as heritage attributes in a designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act:

- Facade, including:
 - Stone foundation
 - Red brick laid in Flemish Bond Pattern
 - two original window openings with jack-arch heads and stone sills
 - original door opening with jack-arch head
- East stone elevation, including:
 - Three original window openings with stone sills and lintels
- West stone elevation, including:
 - Original window opening on first storey, closest to Fountain Street W
 - original window opening on second storey

Staff Recommendation

Staff have completed an evaluation of the subject property and determined that the heritage attributes at 19 Fountain Street West meets four of the nine prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, according to Ontario Regulation 569/22. Staff recommend that the property should be designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Attachments

Attachment-1 Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report

Attachment-2 Current Photographs

Attachment-3 Historical Documents

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