

Advisory Committee of Council Staff Report



To Heritage Guelph
Date Thursday, May 1, 2025
Subject **57 Kirkland Street: Request to Demolish a Property Listed on the Municipal Register**

Recommendation

1. THAT Heritage Guelph provides the following advice to City Council with respect to the demolition application for 57 Kirkland Street.
 - That the property be removed from the Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties
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Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

The City of Guelph has received a complete application of intention to demolish 57 Kirkland Street. Upon receipt of a complete application, Council has 60 days to consult with Heritage Guelph and decide whether to approve or deny the intention to demolish.

Key Findings

The one and a half storey, Ontario Gothic cottage at 57 Kirkland Street was damaged by fire in May 2024 and is beyond repair. Heritage Planning staff recommend that the property be removed from the Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties to permit demolition.

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Location

The property is located on Kirkland Street between London Rd W and Suffolk St W. The legal description of the property is PT Lot 5, Plan 152, AS IN RO777298; GUELPH

Recommendation

The circa 1875 residential dwelling located at 57 Kirkland Street is a one and a half storey, three bay Ontario Cottage with a side gable roof and a front gable complete with a gothic window. The house was clad in vinyl siding. The house was badly damaged by fire in May 2024.

Heritage Planning staff recommend removal of the property from the Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties to facilitate the demolition of this structure. While the property had heritage value prior to the fire, the structure is beyond repair and demolition should be permitted to proceed.

Figure 1: Photograph of 57 Kirkland Street (Photograph: property owner)



Figure 2: Photograph of 57 Kirkland Street (Photograph: property owner)



Departmental Approval

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