

Staff Report



To	City Council
Service Area	Infrastructure, Development and Environment
Date	Tuesday, June 10, 2025
Subject	57 Kirkland Street: Intention to Demolish a Cultural Heritage Resource

Recommendation

1. That 57 Kirkland Street be removed from the Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties to permit demolition.
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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, a property listed on the Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties. Upon receipt of a complete application, Council has 60 days to consult with the Heritage Advisory Committee and decide whether to approve or deny the intention to demolish.

Key Findings

On April 17, 2025, the City received a complete application of intention to demolish 57 Kirkland Street.

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

Strategic Plan Alignment

The key findings and recommendations of this report align with 2024-2027 Strategic Plan priority 6.1.4 to conserve our cultural heritage resources.

Future Guelph Theme

City Building

Future Guelph Objectives

City Building: Grow and care for our community space and places

Financial Implications

None.

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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

Staff 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 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 reasonable repair.

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



Financial Implications

None.

Consultations and Engagement

At the [May 1, 2025 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee](#), the committee passed the following motion:

1. That the property be removed from the Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties

Attachments

None.

Departmental Approval

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