

By-law Number (2025) - 21143

Schedule 1: Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: 79 Suffolk Street West

The building at 79 Suffolk Street West is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act because it meets five of the nine prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 as amended by 569/22. The subject building at 79 Suffolk Street West possesses design and physical value, historical and associative value, and contextual value.

Design/Physical Value

The subject property meets criterion 1 as an early locally quarried limestone mixed-use building with residential and commercial space.

The subject property meets criterion 2 because the building has a high level of physical integrity, well maintained stone and retaining most of its original architectural design and features.

Historical/Associative Value

The subject property meets criterion 4 as an example of a historic mixed-use building combining commercial uses with family homes, a frequent typology in Guelph's early development.

Contextual Value

The subject property meets criterion 7 as it supports the architectural character of the area through its limestone construction and Italianate features mirrored on adjacent properties and others in the neighbourhood.

The subject property meets criterion 8 because it is physically linked to the surrounding neighbourhood through material and architectural expressions and functionally linked to the area as a very early commercial space in the rapidly developing St. David's ward of the late 19th c.