

By-law Number (2025)-21169

Schedule 1: Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: 3 Norwich Street West

Statement of Significance

3 Norwich Street West, as part of Barclay Terrace, is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act because it meets six 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 3 Norwich Street West has design and physical value, historical and associative value, and contextual value.

Design/Physical Value

The subject property meets Criterion 1 as it is a representative example of a Confederation era building type with Georgian style constructed in local limestone as part of a row or terrace building form.

The subject property meets Criterion 2 because the building has high physical integrity in that it has retained most of its original exterior architectural design features in limestone and displays a high degree of craftsmanship.

Historical/Associative Value

The subject property meets Criterion 4 because it has direct associations with a theme of historical mixed use involving local corner stores with housing attached – a combination that was conventional in many of Guelph’s residential neighborhoods since the establishment of the town and in some cases continuing into the first half of the 20th century.

The subject property meets Criterion 6 as it demonstrates or reflects the work of James Barclay, a prominent nineteenth-century Guelph builder.

Contextual Value

The subject property meets Criterion 7 because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of the historic Norwich Street West and Woolwich Street streetscapes in the downtown area.

The subject property meets Criterion 8 because it is physically linked to its surroundings as its façade is an integral part of an uninterrupted block face of the Barclay Terrace on the northwest side of Norwich Street West at Woolwich Street.