



Economic and Development Services Department

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To: Heritage Oshawa

From: Harrison Whilsmith, Planner A
Economic and Development Services Department

Re: Council Direction regarding 2023 Heritage Research Reports

On April 3, 2023, City Council considered Report ED-23-55 and passed the following recommendations:

“That, pursuant to Report ED-23-55 dated March 1, 2023, Economic and Development Services staff be authorized to retain the services of a qualified heritage consultant to:

1. Prepare a Heritage Research Report for Union Cemetery, including a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, a detailed listing of heritage attributes, and report back to the Economic and Development Services Committee in Q4 2023 with a recommendation concerning designation of the property, based upon the Heritage Research Report; and,
2. Prepare a supplemental Heritage Research Report for 149 Harmony Road South, including a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, a detailed listing of heritage attributes;
 - a. Provide the Owner of 149 Harmony Road South with the supplemental Heritage Research Report, and request an updated position on heritage designation of the property; and,
 - b. Report back to the Economic and Development Services Committee in Q4 2023 with a recommendation concerning designation of the property, including the supplemental Heritage Research Report and the updated stance from the Owner; and,
3. Prepare a Heritage Research Report for the Robert McLaughlin Gallery site, including a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, a detailed listing of heritage attributes, and report back to the Economic and Development Services Committee in Q4 2023 with a recommendation concerning designation of the property, based upon the Heritage Research Report; and,
4. Prepare a Heritage Research Report for Memorial Park, including a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, a detailed listing of heritage attributes, and report back to the Economic and Development Services Committee in Q4 2023 with a recommendation concerning designation of the property, based upon the Heritage Research Report.”

Report ED-23-55 was prepared in response to recent changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 through the Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022. Properties that

are Listed, Non-designated on the City's Register shall be removed from the Register two years after the changes were enacted (i.e. by January 1, 2025) unless the City moves to designate.

In addition, on December 12, 2022, City Council considered Report ED-22-214 and passed the following motion to undertake the process to designate 117 King Street East:

- “1. That the Economic and Development Services Committee recommend to City Council: That, pursuant to Report ED-22-214 dated November 23, 2022, Economic and Development Services staff be authorized to undertake the process established in the Ontario Heritage Act to designate the property located at 117 King Street East as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act by undertaking actions such as the following:
 - (a) Obtaining an updated Heritage Research Reports to provide evidence that the subject property specifically addresses the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act;
 - (b) Preparing a Notice of Intention to Designate the property located at 117 King Street East under the Ontario Heritage Act which will generally include the Designation Statement and Description with input from Heritage Oshawa and the owner;
 - (c) Publishing the Notice in the Oshawa This Week newspaper;
 - (d) Forwarding the Notice to the Ontario Heritage Trust and the owner in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act; and,
 - (e) Preparing the necessary by-law which will generally include the Designation Statement and Description with input from Heritage Oshawa and the owner for subsequent consideration by Council.”

Please note that both Reports ED-23-55 and ED-22-214 recommend that the subject Heritage Research Reports be funded through the Professional & Technical account of the 2023 Heritage Oshawa Budget. Note that, given the high volume and cost of Heritage Research Reports required, staff require the full \$25,000 within the Professional & Technical account for the procurement of the five Heritage Research Reports pursuant to Reports ED-23-55 and ED-22-214.

Recommendation

That Report HTG-23-26 dated April 13, 2023 concerning Council direction on the procurement of five (5) Heritage Research Reports be received for information.

If you have any questions please contact Harrison Whilsmith at 905-436-3311, extension 2697 or hwhilsmith@oshawa.ca.

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Harrison Whilsmith, Planner A
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