



Economic and Development Services Department

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To: Heritage Oshawa

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

Re: Designation of Four (4) Listed, Non-designated Properties being Union Cemetery, the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Memorial Park, and Harmony Public School

The purpose of this memo is to obtain Heritage Oshawa's recommendation concerning the potential designation of four (4) properties that are currently identified on the City of Oshawa's Heritage Register as 'listed, non-designated' properties. The properties are as follows:

- Union Cemetery at 760 King Street West;
- The Robert McLaughlin Gallery at 72 Queen Street;
- Memorial Park at 110 Simcoe Street South; and,
- Harmony Public School at 149 Harmony Road South.

Background

On April 3, 2023, Council considered Report ED-23-55 dated March 1, 2023 and adopted the following recommendation:

"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.”

Pursuant to Council’s direction, heritage research reports were prepared by Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. (“ARA”) with recommendations on the potential designation of the four (4) properties.

Findings of the Four (4) Heritage Research Reports

According to the heritage research report completed by ARA dated September 19, 2023, Union Cemetery meets the criteria for designation under Part IV of the Heritage Act, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 9/06, specifically criteria 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Owing to its length, the heritage research report for Union Cemetery can be found at the following link: https://www.oshawa.ca/en/parks-recreation-and-culture/resources/Documents/Heritage-Research-Rpt_King-St-W-760.pdf

According to the heritage research report completed by ARA dated September 19, 2023, the Robert McLaughlin Gallery meets the criteria for designation under Part IV of the Heritage Act, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 9/06, specifically criteria 1, 4, 6, and 7.

Owing to its length, the heritage research report for the Robert McLaughlin Gallery can be found at the following link: https://www.oshawa.ca/en/parks-recreation-and-culture/resources/Documents/Heritage-Research-Rpt_Queen-St-72.pdf

According to the heritage research report completed by ARA dated September 19, 2023, Memorial Park meets the criteria for designation under Part IV of the Heritage Act, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 9/06, specifically criteria 1, 4, 6, 7, and 9.

Owing to its length, the heritage research report for Memorial Park can be found at the following link: https://www.oshawa.ca/en/parks-recreation-and-culture/resources/Documents/Heritage-Research-Rpt_Simcoe-St-S-110.pdf

According to the heritage research report completed by ARA dated September 19, 2023, the Harmony Public School meets the criteria for designation under Part IV of the Heritage Act, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 9/06, specifically criteria 1, 4, 8, and 9.

Owing to its length, the heritage research report for the Harmony Public School can be found at the following link: [https://www.oshawa.ca/en/parks-recreation-and-culture/resources/Documents/Heritage-Research-Rpt_149-Harmony-Rd-S-\(2023\).pdf](https://www.oshawa.ca/en/parks-recreation-and-culture/resources/Documents/Heritage-Research-Rpt_149-Harmony-Rd-S-(2023).pdf)

Recommendation

Heritage Oshawa must provide a stance on the designation of all four (4) listed, non-designated properties at their meeting on September 28, 2023 in advance of a forthcoming staff report.

In the event that Heritage Oshawa is in support of the designation of all four (4) listed, non-designated properties, the following would be the appropriate wording to provide in their recommendation to the Economic and Development Services Committee and Council:

“That, pursuant to HTG-23-57 dated September 21, 2023, Heritage Oshawa recommends that Union Cemetery, the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Memorial Park, and Harmony Public School be designated under Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.”

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

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