Item: ED-23-212

Economic and Development Services Committee – November 27, 2023

Update concerning Heritage Oshawa's Recommendation to Designate 357 Simcoe Street South under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (Ward 5) (File: 12-04-0456)

That the Economic and Development Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas, on April 28, 2022, Heritage Oshawa recommended that 357 Simcoe Street South (the "Subject Site") be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act; and,

Whereas, on May 9, 2022, the then-Development Services Committee referred the recommendation from Heritage Oshawa to staff for a report; and,

Whereas, on July 26, 2022, City staff reached out to the property owner of the Subject Site ("The Refuge") in order to obtain their stance on the potential designation of their property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, and they advised staff that they wanted to re-evaluate the Heritage Oshawa request at a later date once their site plan approval process had finalized; and,

Whereas, on December 12, 2022, Council considered Report ED-22-214 dated November 23, 2022 and adopted a motion which read in part:

"2. That Economic and Development Services staff be directed to report back to the Economic and Development Services Committee in the 4th quarter of 2023 on Heritage Oshawa's request to designate 357 Simcoe Street South to permit the owner to finalize the site plan approval process"; and,

Whereas, on March 30, 2023, site plan approval was granted, and associated building permits were issued in August 2023, for the redevelopment of the Subject Site into a mixed-use building with apartment units and a youth outreach centre; and,

Whereas, on November 11, 2023, the Executive Director of The Refuge indicated to staff that they are willing to consider the designation of the Subject Site after the construction phase has been completed;

Therefore, be it resolved that pursuant to Item ED-23-212, Economic and Development Services staff be directed to report back to the Economic and Development Services Committee in the 4th quarter of 2024 on Heritage Oshawa's request to designate 357 Simcoe Street South under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.