

Economic and Development Services Department

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To: Heritage Oshawa

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Economic and Development Services Department

Re: Update regarding the Designation of 357 Simcoe Street South

The purpose of this memo is to provide Heritage Oshawa with an update regarding the designation of 357 Simcoe Street South (the "Subject Property") under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 (the "Ontario Heritage Act").

Background

On April 28, 2022, Heritage Oshawa recommended that the Subject Property be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

On May 9, 2022, the then-Development Services Committee referred the recommendation from Heritage Oshawa to staff for a report.

On September 19, 2024, the owner of the Subject Property advised that they are nearing completion of their development and are in favour of designation of the Subject Property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

On December 16, 2024, Council considered Report ED-24-132 dated November 27, 2024 and adopted the following motion:

"That, pursuant to Report ED-24-132 dated November 27, 2024, Economic and Development Services staff be authorized to undertake the process established in the Ontario Heritage Act to designate the property located at 357 Simcoe Street South as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act by undertaking actions such as the following:

- Obtaining an updated Heritage Research Report to provide evidence that the property located at 357 Simcoe Street South specifically addresses the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act;
- Preparing a Notice of Intention to Designate the property located at 357 Simcoe Street South under the Ontario Heritage Act which will generally include the Designation Statement and Description;
- Publishing the Notice in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act;
- Forwarding the Notice to the Ontario Heritage Trust and the owner in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act; and,

- Preparing the necessary by-law which will generally include the Designation Statement and Description for subsequent consideration by Council.”

Pursuant to Council’s direction, a Heritage Research Report was prepared by Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. (“A.R.A.”) with a recommendation on the potential designation of the Subject Property.

Findings of the Heritage Research Report

According to the Heritage Research Report completed by A.R.A. dated June 18, 2025, the Subject Property meets the criteria for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, in accordance with O. Reg. 9/06, as amended by O. Reg. 569/22, specifically criteria 1, 4, and 8.

Owing to its length, the Heritage Research Report for the Subject Property was emailed to members of Heritage Oshawa on June 20, 2025.

After being shared a copy of the Heritage Research Report, the owner of the Subject Property indicated that they had no concerns with the identified heritage attributes.

Given Council’s direction and the findings of the aforementioned Heritage Research Report, staff are now in a position to advance the designation of the Subject Property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Recommendation

That Report HTG-25-23 dated June 20, 2025 concerning an update on the designation of 357 Simcoe Street South be received for information.

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



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