

Report of the “List of Properties with Structures Built in 1952” Working Group

The Working Group considered 339 properties contained in the 1952 list provided by city staff. Some are already listed on the Inventory (eg. 342 Columbus Road West, 97 Park Road North, 220 Winona Avenue). The Working Group also noted and considered other properties as we utilized Google Earth and during our individual visits.

Patty Davis offered her skills to plot out the 30 properties we considered, on a map. As the properties were from the far north end to just south of the 401, and in every single ward, the maps were very helpful in locating and driving to evaluate each property; mindful of the cost of gas to do so. That list of 30 properties was reduced down to 7 properties: 1260 Winchester Road East, 102 Mill Street, 29 Aberdeen Street, 122 Rosedale Avenue, 561 Bond Street East, 782 Ritson Road South, 55 Rossland Road East.

The Working Group used the Heritage Oshawa Evaluation System and decided that further research was needed using information available through the historical land registry system, Oshawa Museum and Oshawa Library documents to produce a more comprehensive report for Heritage Oshawa to consider. This was also the first time the Evaluation System was utilized for a 70-year list and there was discussion on how useful and workable it was or was not.

Still outstanding from the 2021 Working Group report, and very briefly discussed, is a property noted in the “List of Properties with Structures Built in 1951.” The Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties – October 2015 - is currently in the process of being updated via a Working Group. Particularly, the concern is that [285 Britannia Avenue West](#) was listed in the 1951 List of Properties etc, and is currently Class A in the Inventory. However, there has been a bit of confusion regarding which buildings are within the address parcel and those buildings noted. Our current Inventory also lists [2300 Simcoe Street North](#), also listed as Class A, and seems to contain the same buildings. We are again requesting that these two seemingly different but same parcels and buildings, but with different addresses, be better addressed by the Inventory of City of Oshawa Heritage Properties Working Group.

The Working Group decided to defer presenting their findings and recommendations, regarding the aforementioned 7 properties, to the December 2022 Heritage Oshawa meeting.