



Municipal Heritage Committee Report

Report Number: KLMHC2024-065
Meeting Date: December 9, 2024
Title: **Request to Designate 121-123 William Street North, Town of Lindsay**
Description: Follow up information report regarding the request to designate 1127-129 William Street North
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Recommendation(s):

That Report KLMHC2024-065, **Request to Designate 123-129 William Street North, Town of Lindsay**, be received for information.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

At its meeting of November 7, 2024, the Municipal Heritage Committee received a deputation from a member of the public who requested the designation of 121-123 William Street North in Lindsay. The deputant is one of the tenants of the building and is concerned that the current owner is looking to demolish the building in future or that the building would be demolished as part of the Colborne Street bridge project. The Committee received the deputation and passed the following resolution:

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Moved By J. Pitcher

Seconded By W. Bateman

That the deputation from Joan Abernethy be received; and

That staff report back to the Committee regarding the heritage value of the property and next steps regarding designation.

Carried

This report addresses that direction.

Rationale:

121-123 William Street North is currently listed on the City's Heritage Register. Under the recently amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act, properties listed prior to 2023 will be automatically removed from the Register as of January 1, 2027 unless they are designated under Part IV or Part V of the Act. The except from the City's Heritage Register regarding the heritage value of the property has been attached to this report for information.

Staff have completed a preliminary evaluation of the property and a heritage evaluation matrix is attached to this report that outlines which of the Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria the property fulfils and how. The property fulfils more than two criteria under the regulations and is, therefore, eligible for designation under Part IV of the Act.

As the property is currently listed on the City's Heritage Register and would be eligible for designation based on a preliminary evaluation of its cultural heritage value, the Committee has two options regarding the request from the property owner:

Designation of the Property: The Committee could choose to pursue the designation of the property at this time. In order to do so, staff would need to complete a more fulsome heritage evaluation report to fully determine the property's heritage value. The cultural heritage evaluation report would then be returned to the Committee for review and a recommendation for Council's endorsement.

Wait to Pursue Designation until a Later Time: The Committee could wait to pursue designation until if and when a demolition request is received for the property. The property is currently listed on the City's Heritage Register meaning that any request for demolition would need approval from Council with a recommendation from the Committee and, to make a complete application, a cultural heritage evaluation report would need to be submitted by the owner as part of the application package. However, the property's protection will end as of January 1, 2027 and this process will no longer be in force. Any proposed expropriate and demolition of the property for the Colborne Street Bridge would be examined through the Environmental Assessment process which takes into account properties of cultural heritage value.

As the Committee ultimately makes a recommendation to Council to designate, or not, the Committee can determine whether it would like to proceed with designation of the property at this time.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Should the Committee wish to pursue the designation of the property at this time, a full cultural heritage evaluation will need to be undertaken by staff. Should the Committee wish for this to occur, it can make the following motion:

That Report KLMHC2024-065, **Request to Designate 121-123 William Street North, Town of Lindsay**, be received; and

That the designation of the property be endorsed subject to the preparation and review of a cultural heritage evaluation for the property.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial or operational impacts as a result of the recommendations of this report.

Consultations:

Deputant

Attachments:

Appendix A – Heritage Register Excerpt: 121-123 William Street North



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Appendix B – Heritage Evaluation Matrix: 121-123 William Street North



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