



Municipal Heritage Committee Report

Report Number: KLMHC2025-012
Meeting Date: February 6, 2025
Title: **Alteration Application – 26 Francis Street, Lindsay**
Description: Proposed alteration to 26 Francis Street (City Hall)
Author and Title: Emily Turner, Economic Development Officer – Heritage Planning

Recommendations:

That Report KLMHC2025-012, **Alteration Application – 26 Francis Street**, be received;

That the proposed alteration be approved.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

Under the City of Kawartha Lakes' delegated authority by-law for the alteration of designated heritage properties (By-law 2019-154), approvals for minor alterations to properties designated individually under Part IV of the Act are delegated to staff in consultation with the Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee. Minor alterations are defined in the by-law and include changes to the property including, but not limited to, the replacement of exterior elements, additions, the construction of accessory structures, hard landscaping, and the installation of utilities.

26 Francis Street is designated individually under the Ontario Heritage Act by Town of Lindsay By-law 1986-27. The by-law is attached to this report as Appendix A. The property contains the current Kawartha Lakes City Hall but was originally constructed in 1863 as the courthouse for the newly created County of Victoria. The building was designed by Toronto architectural firm Cumberland and Storm, which also designed the adjacent Lindsay jail. It is one of Lindsay and Kawartha Lakes' key institutional buildings, and also an important example of a mid-nineteenth century Neoclassical judicial building.

The 2025 Capital Project budget has allocated funds for site improvements and beautification to the City Hall block. This project primarily encompasses landscaping and exterior features on the City Hall block grounds, as opposed to the historic building itself. This project will improve the landscaping around the building, repair the existing parking lot and reconfigure the parking around the block. The overall plan and a more specific plan of the landscape design in phase 1 and 2 of this project are attached as Appendix B and C. Building and Property staff will attend the Committee's February 6 meeting to provide an overview of the restoration project and its details.

Rationale:

Staff are supportive of the approval of this application. The beautification and site improvements of the property are important to highlight this important heritage building within Kawartha Lakes, as well as make the exterior public spaces more usable and accessible for both City operations and the general public. There will be little to no impact on the material fabric of the building and the landscaping design has been undertaken in such a way to highlight the heritage features of the City Hall block.

Other Alternatives Considered:

There are no recommended alternatives.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial or operational impacts as the result of the recommendations of this report. This project has been allocated funds through the 2025 Capital Projects budget.

Consultations:

Building and Property Staff.

Attachments:

Appendix A – By-law 1986-27



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Appendix B – Landscaping Plan



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Appendix C – Landscape Plan Phase 1 and 2



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