



Municipal Heritage Committee Report

Report Number: KLMHC2025-019
Meeting Date: March 6, 2025
Title: **Alteration Application – 25 Pontypool Road,
Manvers Township**
Description: Proposed alteration to 25 Pontypool Road (Pontypool Grain Elevator)
Author and Title: Emily Turner, Economic Development Officer – Heritage Planning

Recommendations:

That Report KLMHC2025-019, **Alteration Application – 25 Pontypool Road, Manvers Township**, 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.

25 Pontypool Road is designated individually under the Ontario Heritage Act by By-law 2011-257. The by-law is attached as Appendix A. The property contains the Pontypool Grain Elevation which was constructed around 1918 and is one of only two surviving freestanding grain elevators in Ontario from this period. It was erected by the Good Grain Company and yields information regarding the significant agricultural history of southern Kawartha Lakes and Manvers Township in particular. The property is owned by the City of Kawartha Lakes and is currently leased to the Manvers Township Historical Society.

The Manvers Township Historical Society has submitted a heritage permit application to facilitate the development of a historic display at the grain elevator which would interpret its history and importance in Pontypool. They are proposing the following:

- The development of displays and exhibits inside the grain elevator, including and audio feature
- Painting and repairing the wooden door and shutters
- Creating a viewing area with Lexan on the south door
- Installing track lighting
- General maintenance including new weather stripping, a new lock, and cleaning and sealing the floor
- A new sign reading "Pontypool Heritage Grain Elevator"

The general intention of these alterations is to highlight the historic features of the grain elevator and create a historic interpretive display at the site,

An overview of the proposal will be presented by the Historical Society to the Committee at its March 6 meeting.

Rationale:

Staff are supportive of the approval of this application. At present, the grain elevator is neither used nor interpreted and the alterations proposed by the Historical Society are intended to interpret the site and highlight its historic features. There is no anticipated negative impact of the proposed alterations to the structure and the proposed maintenance work in particular supports the long-term preservation of the site.

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. While the City owns the building and provides funding for maintenance, the Manvers Township Historical Society is responsible for the costs for the alterations and interpretive display.

Consultations:

Building and Property Staff.

Manvers Township Historical Society.

Attachments:

Appendix A – By-law 2011-257



2011-257 Designate
Pontypool Grain Eleva

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