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Memorandum

Planning and Development Services

Re: Alterations to a Listed Heritage Property – 95 Metcalfe Street
To: Heritage Advisory Committee Members
From: Carlson Tsang, Planner, Heritage Planning
Date: September 14, 2020

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum regarding Alterations to a Listed Heritage Property – 95 Metcalfe Street be received for information.

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Heritage Advisory Committee about a building permit application submitted on May 11, 2020 to increase the ceiling height of the second floor of the existing dwelling at 95 Metcalfe Street (see Attachment 1). 95 Metcalfe Street is a non-designated property listed on the Town's Heritage Register. While the proposed work does not require a heritage permit under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the subject property may become designated in the future and hence the application is being presented to the Heritage Advisory Committee for information.

Background

On May 26, 2020, Council endorsed a new approach to reviewing building permit applications for listed properties. Prior to the issuance of a permit, the property must be evaluated and scored by the Heritage Advisory Committee's Working Group. If the property is received a high score, the Town will pursue designation under the Ontario Heritage Act and control building alterations through the regular heritage permit process. If the evaluation suggests that the property is not worthy of designation, the result would be reported to the Heritage Advisory Committee for information, and the applicant would continue with their building permit application.

On June 3, 2020, Planning Staff met with the Heritage Working Group to perform an evaluation of the subject property (see Attachment 2). The property scored 39.4/100

which puts it in the Group 3 category, suggesting that it is moderately significant and worthy of documentation and preservation as part of an historic grouping but not designation. The Working Group had no objection to the alteration being proposed to the building. The property will remain listed pending completion of the comprehensive review of the Heritage Registry.

On June 4, 2020, Staff circulated the evaluation results and the detailed building permit drawings to the Heritage Advisory Committee for information. No comments were received. On June 9, 2020, Staff indicated to the Building Division that there are no heritage concerns with the proposed alterations. The application is still under review by the Building Division.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Drawings for Building Permit PR20190319

Attachment 2 – Heritage Evaluation by the Working Group