Minute No. 213
Report "A" – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – January 8, 2018

Item No. 1 List of Historical Resources – Nomination of Manitoba Telephone System – St. John's Exchange, 405 Burrows Avenue

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development Committee and adopted the following:

1. That Manitoba Telephone System – St. John's Exchange, 405 Burrows Avenue, be added to the List of Historical Resources, with the following character defining elements:

   Exterior:

   - Two-storey red Menominee brick and stone building with flat roof on the northeast corner of Burrows Avenue and Salter Street, its south side facing Burrows Avenue, its north facade facing a back lane, its east facade facing a neighbouring building and its west facade facing Salter Street;
   - Its main (south) facade with its central bay protruding slightly and holding a raised cut stone entrance with wide stairs, low stone walls at either end with volutes, oversized brackets with floral motifs, a complete entablature with the carved words "GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES" in the frieze, egg and dart molding and a carved Provincial shield supported by volutes;
   - The remainder of the symmetrical south facade with its tooled stone base and rectilinear basement window openings, deeply grooved ground floor brick walls, windows in rectilinear openings, two bands of corbelled brick leading to the top floor with rectilinear window openings embellished with raised brick surrounds and a metal cornice and stone capped brick parapet;
   - The west facade continuing the materials and design of the front facade and a projecting staircase section with arched doorway (now closed) and keystone;
   - The west facade continuing the materials and design of the front facade; and
   - The rear (north) facade with rectilinear openings on all floors.

   Interior:

   - None

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all the things necessary to implement the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Orlikow,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 6, 2018, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 8, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development concurred in the recommendation of the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Further on January 8, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development received submissions from the following:

- Stephanie Haight, in opposition to the matter.
- Cindy Tugwell, in support of the matter.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 16, 2017, the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee recommended that Manitoba Telephone System – St. John's Exchange, 405 Burrows Avenue, be added to the List of Historical Resources, with the following character defining elements:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

- Its main (south) facade with its central bay protruding slightly and holding a raised cut stone entrance with wide stairs, low stone walls at either end with volutes, oversized brackets with floral motifs, a complete entablature with the carved words "GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES" in the frieze, egg and dart molding and a carved Provincial shield supported by volutes;

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Interior:

- None

and forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development.