Minute No. 200
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – February 4, 2019

Item No. 6 List of Historical Resources – Nomination of St. Mary's Academy, 550 Wellington Crescent

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That St. Mary's Academy, 550 Wellington Crescent be added to the List of Historical Resources, with the following character defining elements:

   Original 1902 and 1909 Buildings

   Exterior:

   - The large four-storey brick and stone school structure built in 1902, its front façade facing east onto Wellington Crescent, its north facade facing Academy Road, part of its west facade covered by the 1909 addition and the remainder of the west facade and south facade facing parking lots and greenspace;

   - The main (east) facade with its raised, stone-clad basement, curved stone entrance portico with stone panel reading "ST MARYS ACADEMY", superstructure with projecting central section with fourth floor statue, stone balustrade, detailed pediment and metal-clad cupola with cross, angled corner tower with pyramidal roof in northeast corner and double sloped mansard roof with pedimented dormers;

   - The north facade with its ornate entrance at the east end with arched openings and shallow balcony with stone balustrade, stone clad raised foundation walls, a double sloped mansard roof with pedimented dormers and brick chimneys; and

   - The south and west facades with stone-clad foundation walls, arched and rectilinear window openings, double sloped mansard roof with pedimented dormers and two-storey brick and stone chapel building.

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STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

Interior:

- Arrangement of space, wood flooring, ornamental plasterwork and millwork in the main floor entrance foyer, staircase and second floor landing including sitting area and in the original second floor parlour; and

- Arrangement of space, ornamental plasterwork and millwork in the Chapel and Auditorium.

1963 Addition

Exterior:

- The portions of the building containing the cafeteria, gymnasium, entrance foyer, and multi-purpose room attached to the west end of the pre-World War I buildings with flat roofs;

- The gymnasium and cafeteria portion with east and west facades divided vertically by plain concrete pilasters and horizontally by wide concrete bands, large windows in arched openings on the ground floor, and paired windows in rectilinear openings below the roof line and windowless south facade; and

- Two-storey entrance building, its south facade with wide concrete bands, large entrances on the ground floor and thin rectilinear window openings on the second floor.

Interior:

- Waffle slab concrete ceilings.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

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 19, 2019, 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 February 4, 2019, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development concurred in the recommendation of the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee, with the following amendments:

- Delete the words "windows in arched openings," and "windows in rectilinear openings on all floors," from the second bullet point under 'Original 1902 and 1909 Buildings – Exterior',

- Delete the words "windows in rectilinear openings on all floors", from the third bullet point under 'Original 1902 and 1909 Buildings – Exterior',

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Further, on February 4, 2019, Connie Yunyk, President, St. Mary's Academy, submitted a communication titled "Written Submission of SMA Foundation Inc. to the proposed Nomination of St. Mary's Academy (550 Wellington Cres.) to the City of Winnipeg Listing as a Historical Resource", with respect to the matter.

Further, on February 4, 2019, Larry Bird, Chair, St. Mary's Academy Foundation, submitted three photos, with respect to the matter.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 22, 2018, the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development that St. Mary's Academy, 550 Wellington Crescent 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):

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The Historical Buildings and Resources Committee received a written submission from the owner, dated September 4, 2018, in support of St. Mary's Academy, 550 Wellington Crescent, being added to the List of Historical Resources.