Minute No. 238
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – March 4, 2019

Item No. 4 List of Historical Resources – Nomination of Masonic Temple, 335 Donald Street

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 Masonic Temple, 335 Donald Street be added to the List of Historical Resources, with the following character defining elements:

    A. Exterior:

        i. The three-storey brick and stone building with two-storey rear annex on the southeast corner of Donald Street and Ellice Avenue, its main facade facing west onto Donald Street, its north facade facing Ellice Avenue, its south facade facing a neighbouring building and its rear facade facing a back lane;

        ii. The symmetrical front (west) facade with rusticated stone base, its central protruding entrance with stone columns and dentilled pediment with sunrise motif, arched and rectilinear window openings with stone and brick accenting, attached pilasters with stone bases and brick capitals, completed entablature, stone panels with the date "1895" and "MASONIC TEMPLE", central pediment with round window and medium pitched hip roof;

        iii. The north facade featuring a continuation of the design and materials of the front elevation, stone clad foundation, arched and round openings, brick pilasters, basket weave brick sections on the third floor and in the gable dormer;

        iv. The windowless south facade with pilasters and plainer gable dormer;

        v. The rear (east) facade partially covered by a two-storey addition, the visible section features one round window, brick pilasters, a pediment and two large brick chimneys; and

        vi. Two-storey brick annex with windows in rectilinear openings and stone accenting and metal cornice and capped brick parapet.

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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 March 12, 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 March 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 and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Syd Storey, on behalf of the owner, submitted a presentation in opposition to the matter.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 16, 2019, the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development:

1. That the Masonic Temple, 335 Donald Street be added to the List of Historical Resources, with the following character defining elements:

    A. Exterior:

        i. The three-storey brick and stone building with two-storey rear annex on the southeast corner of Donald Street and Ellice Avenue, its main facade facing west onto Donald Street, its north facade facing Ellice Avenue, its south facade facing a neighbouring building and its rear facade facing a back lane;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

ii. The symmetrical front (west) facade with rusticated stone base, its central protruding entrance with stone columns and dentilled pediment with sunrise motif, arched and rectilinear window openings with stone and brick accenting, attached pilasters with stone bases and brick capitals, completed entablature, stone panels with the date "1895" and "MASONIC TEMPLE", central pediment with round window and medium pitched hip roof;

iii. The north facade featuring a continuation of the design and materials of the front elevation, stone clad foundation, arched and round openings, brick pilasters, basket weave brick sections on the third floor and in the gable dormer;

iv. The windowless south facade with pilasters and plainer gable dormer;

v. The rear (east) facade partially covered by a two-storey addition, the visible section features one round window, brick pilasters, a pediment and two large brick chimneys; and

vi. Two-storey brick annex with windows in rectilinear openings and stone accenting and metal cornice and capped brick parapet.

B. Interior:

i. None

The Historical Buildings and Resources Committee received a written submission from the owner dated January 7, 2019, in opposition to the building being added to the List of Historical Resources.