Minute No. 377
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – May 27, 2019

Item No. 9 List of Historical Resources – Nomination of G.F. & J. Galt Block, 103 Princess 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 G.F. & J. Galt Block, 103 Princess Street be added to the List of Historical Resources, with the following character defining elements:

    A. Exterior:

        i. Four-storey brick and stone building with flat roof with main facades facing west onto Princess Street and north onto Bannatyne Avenue, the south facade partially concealed by the neighbouring building and the rear facade facing east onto a back lane;

        ii. The front (west) and north facades with their rusticated stone cladding at grade, recessed window bays separated by brick pilaster each holding large main floor windows in rectilinear and arched openings, single, paired and triple windows in arched openings on the second and third floors and large singular windows in arched openings on the fourth floor and corbelled brick cornice below the brick and stone parapet;

        iii. Main entrance set in the northwest corner, the upper floors of the corner stone clad and rounded; and

        iv. Rectilinear opening near the south end of the west facade with steel lintel leading to interior loading dock.

    B. Interior:

        i. Steel structural system in the south addition;

        ii. Walk-in vault on main floor of original building;

        iii. Examples of metal-clad fire doors.

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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 June 11, 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 May 27, 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:

- In Recommendation 1.B.i, remove the words "Heavy timber structural system in the original building and"
- Delete Recommendation 1.B.ii in its entirety
- Delete Recommendation 1.B.v in its entirety
- Renumber the remaining recommendations accordingly

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

Charles Birks, on behalf of the owners of G.F. & J. Galt Block, 103 Princess Street, submitted a presentation dated May 16, 2019 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 G.F. & J. Galt Block, 103 Princess Street be added to the List of Historical Resources, with the following character defining elements:

1. Exterior:

    A. Four-storey brick and stone building with flat roof with main facades facing west onto Princess Street and north onto Bannatyne Avenue, the south facade partially concealed by the neighbouring building and the rear facade facing east onto a back lane;
    B. The front (west) and north facades with their rusticated stone cladding at grade, recessed window bays separated by brick pilaster each holding large main floor windows in rectilinear and arched openings, single, paired and triple windows in arched openings on the second and third floors and large singular windows in arched openings on the fourth floor and corbelled brick cornice below the brick and stone parapet;
    C. Main entrance set in the northwest corner, the upper floors of the corner stone clad and rounded; and
    D. Rectilinear opening near the south end of the west facade with steel lintel leading to interior loading dock.

2. Interior:

    A. Heavy timber structural system in the original building and steel structural system in the south addition;
    B. Ornamental tin ceiling on second floor of south addition;
    C. Walk-in vault on main floor of original building;
    D. Examples of metal-clad fire doors; and
    E. South end main floor loading area with its wood and glass partitioning and metal loading doors.

On September 19, 2018, due to lack of quorum, the meeting of the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee was cancelled.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

On July 18, 2018, the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee laid over the matter to its meeting on September 19, 2018.

Charles Birks, owner of G.F. & J. Galt Block, 103 Princess Street, submitted a communication dated July 16, 2018 requesting a postponement.

On June 20, 2018, due to lack of quorum, the meeting of the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee was cancelled.

On May 17, 2018, the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee laid over the matter to its meeting on June 20, 2018.