Minutes – Historical Buildings and Resources Committee – February 19, 2025

REPORTS

Item No. 2 List of Historical Resources – Nomination of Midland Railway Building, 200 Isabel Street (505-555 Ross Avenue)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Historical Buildings and Resources Committee recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development:

1. That Midland Railway Building, 200 Isabel Street (505-555 Ross Avenue), be added to the List of Historical Resources, with the proposed character defining elements:

    A. Exterior:

        i. The elongated structure with one- and two-storey massing with the east façade facing Isabel Street, the west and north façades facing open land and the south façade facing Ross Avenue;

        ii. The two-storey section with raised concrete foundation, dark brick superstructure, main floor rectilinear window openings with stone sills connected by a concrete belt course, grooved brick pilasters, second-floor rectilinear window openings with stone sills and the spandrels embellished with patterned brick panels with concrete corners, corbelled brick above the top storey openings, and roofline with concrete belt course leading to the stepped cornice with ornamental brick and concrete details; and

        iii. The one-storey warehouse/freight building resting on a raised concrete foundation with dark brick walls and rectilinear window openings with stone sills, overhanging eaves on the street side (south) supported by oversized wood brackets with unique metal turnbuckle bracing, and the track side (north) façade with narrow and unbracketed overhanging eaves and rectilinear openings.

    B. Interior:

        i. The wood tree-like columns of the structural system.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Glen Gross,

That Midland Railway Building, 200 Isabel Street (505-555 Ross Avenue), be added to the List of Historical Resources with the proposed character defining elements, and forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development.

Carried

Cindy Fernandes, Director of Community Services, submitted a communication dated January 20, 2025, in support of the matter.