



Subject: Heritage Report for Proposed Alterations at 1001 Firelane 1

To: Council

From: Development and Legislative Services Department

Report Number: 2022-72

Meeting Date: April 12, 2022

Recommendation:

That Development and Legislative Services Report 2022-72 be received; and

That Council approve the proposed addition of a balcony on the south side of the building located at 1001 Firelane 1 in accordance with Section 33 of the Ontario Heritage Act and the Project Overview attached hereto as Appendix A; and

That the property owner and the Ontario Heritage Trust be so notified.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a recommendation regarding the alterations of the heritage property at 1001 Firelane 1, owned by John and Pauline Groetelaars.

Background:

By-law 4356/29/03 was passed on March 24, 2003, which designated the property located at 1001 Firelane 1 as being of Historical and Architectural significance to the City of Port Colborne under Part IV of *The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990*. The "Reasons for Designation" which listed items that the Heritage Port Colborne Committee and City Council of the time, felt were worthy of designation, are outlined in the Record of Designation (Appendix B). Most notably, the pillar-like stone protrusions on the front and rear of the dwelling, the peaked gable ends, the arches above the windows, the stone façade, cross gables and decorative chimneys are the architectural features that were considered in this property's designation.

The Project Overview (Appendix A) illustrates the proposed works to be completed. The proposed works include the addition of a balcony on the south side of the building. The architectural features indicated on the Record of Designation will not be affected by the proposed addition. It has also been noted that the building has had two additions in the early to mid 20th century that match the overall style of the building. The balcony will match the existing window and roof trim, as well as the architectural style of the entrance on the east side of the building.

Discussion:

The Planning Department has reviewed the request for a proposed addition of a balcony on the south side of the building and feel that the proposal will not negatively impact the preservation of this heritage property. Planning Staff are of the opinion that the proposal will add to the aesthetics of the dwelling without impacting its heritage significance.

Internal Consultations:

The Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum's Heritage Committee held a virtual meeting on February 23rd, 2022.

The Committee concluded that the proposed addition would not negatively impact the neighbouring properties and will not take away from the aesthetic of the heritage property.

Public Engagement:

Public input is not required as part of the heritage alteration process. The Heritage Committee was consulted to act as representation from the public.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

The initiative contained within this report supports the following pillar(s) of the strategic plan:

- City-Wide Investments in Infrastructure and Recreational/Cultural Spaces
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Conclusion:

Planning Staff recommend that Council approve the proposed addition of a balcony on the south side of the building located at 1001 Firelane 1 in accordance with Section 33 (1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and the Project Overview attached hereto as Appendix A. This proposal would not affect the preservation of this heritage property.

Appendices:

- a. Project Overview
- b. By-Law to Designate 1001 Firelane 1 as Being of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval:

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and the City Treasurer when relevant. Final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.