

Alteration of a Designated Property – 162 Mackenzie Street, Sudbury

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Report Summary

This report provides a recommendation regarding the alteration of 162 Mackenzie Street in Sudbury, a designated property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Resolution

THAT The City of Greater Sudbury consents to the Building Permit Application B21-1371 for signage on 162 Mackenzie Street, Sudbury;

AND THAT The City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to serve notice of its decision on the owner of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust, as outlined in the report entitled “Alteration of a Designated Property – 162 Mackenzie Street, Sudbury”, from the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, presented at the City Council meeting on October 26, 2021.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)

The protection and conservation of cultural heritage resources provides economic, environmental and social benefits and is consistent with Council’s strategic objectives of creating a healthier community and strengthening community vibrancy.

This report refers to operational matters and has no direct connection to the Community Energy and Emissions Plan.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report at this time.

Background

The City of Greater Sudbury received building permit application number B21-1371 on July 28 2021. The application is to install a 12' x 4' sign on the northern side of 162 Mackenzie (See Attachment A). City staff flagged the application as 162 Mackenzie is a designated property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The City of Greater Sudbury passed by-law 2020-183 on December 15, 2020 to designate the property known as 162 Mackenzie as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (See Reference 1). Per Subsection 33(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, "No owner of property designated under section 29 shall alter the property or permit the alteration of the property if the alteration is likely to affect the property's heritage attributes, as set out in the description of the property's heritage attributes in the by-law [...], unless the owner applies to the council [...] and receives consent in writing to the alteration."

The City commissioned the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) in preparation of the Designation By-law (See Reference 2). Page 50 of the CHER states that "162 Mackenzie Street is a unique and early example of an evolved vernacular school building that exhibits the influences of various styles including Collegiate Gothic and Art Deco Architecture. 162 Mackenzie also appears to be the third oldest surviving school building in Sudbury. However, the rear gymnasium, now a theatre, is not in keeping with the rest of the structure. The rear addition, built after 1994, does not demonstrate a defined style and was built economically using commonly sourced materials and methods."

It should further be noted that Schedule A of By-law 2020-183 does not include the gymnasium within the 'Area of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest'.

City staff consulted with the Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel (the 'Panel') in the preparation of this report, as required by subsection 33(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act. The Panel noted no concerns with the application, and recommends that Council consent to the application for signage, as the proposed signage is not likely to affect the property's heritage attributes.

Resources Cited

1. A By-Law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Designate the Property Municipally Known as 162 MacKenzie Street as a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest Under Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act
<https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?documentid=38396>
2. Cultural Heritage Evaluation Study, 162 Mackenzie Street, Sudbury
<https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?documentid=38719>
3. Ontario Heritage Act
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o18>