

Alteration of a Designated Property – Flour Mill Silos

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Report Summary

This report provides a recommendation regarding the alteration of the Flour Mill Silos in Sudbury, a designated property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Resolution

THAT The City of Greater Sudbury consents to the proposed alteration of the Flour Mill Silos in Sudbury, as outlined in the report entitled “Alteration of a Designated Property – Flour Mill Silos”, from the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, presented at the City Council meeting on January 25, 2022.

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

In June 2019, the Flour Mill Business Improvement Association (FM-BIA) and Flour Mill Community Access Network group (FM-CAN) approached City staff in regards to celebrating the 111-year anniversary of the Grain Silos through a display lighting project in 2022. The intent is to project a static display onto each of the four sides of the Silos using equipment mounted on nearby structures.

The equipment needs to be mounted a minimum of 8m from the Silos, and the Group has been in

discussion with the neighbouring property owners to mount the equipment on their structures. The Group requested that the City fund and complete the site preparation in 2021. The City approved the funding as part of the 2022 Budget Process. The site preparation will include removal of trees and vegetation; repairs and reworking supports for the fencing; repairs and sealing off access to crawlspace; and, the removal and scaling of loose concrete and bricks at height.

The City of Greater Sudbury passed by-law 89-147 on May 22, 1990 to designate the property known as the Flour Mill Silos as a property of architectural and historic value pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The reasons for the designation are set out in Schedule "A" to the by-law. "The Flour Mill Silos continue to stand proud as a monument to the importance of the area's farming history. In addition, the Silos have given this district of the City its local identity, namely the Flour Mill" (See Reference 1).

Heritage Act Process and Recommendation

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." Subsection 33(6) of the Heritage Act requires that Council consult with the Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel (the 'Panel') where one is established in this decision process.

Through this report, staff are taking the necessary steps to ensure the proper approvals are in place under the Heritage Act for this project to proceed. City staff consulted with the Panel as required under the Heritage Act. The Panel noted that the proposal would help celebrate and highlight the silos. They had no concerns with the proposal.

As a result, staff recommend that Council consent to the proposed alteration, as it is not likely to affect the property's heritage attributes.

Resources Cited

1. Designation By-law
<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/city-hall/get-involved/join-a-local-board-committee-or-advisory-panel/advisory-panels/municipal-heritage-advisory-panel1/pdfs/city-of-sudbury-by-law-89-147/>