Recommendation Report

Recommendation to retain 176 Rennick Road on the Municipal Register

Report PB-03-18

Planning and Development Committee
September 11, 2018

Property under Application
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North elevation of house (August 2017)

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West elevation of house (August 2017)
Background

- The house on the property was built prior to 1860
  - 1 ½ storey stone farmhouse with stuccoed exterior and modern additions
- The property is listed on the Municipal Register but is not designated.
- The owner requested that the property be removed from the Register on August 30, 2017

Process

- Staff conducted a site visit in August 2017
- Staff retained a consultant, ARA, to evaluate the property’s heritage value in September 2017
- Staff consulted Heritage Burlington on October 10, 2017
  - HB passed a motion recommending that the property be removed from the Municipal Register.
  - Staff respectfully disagree with HB’s recommendation, for the reasons discussed in report PB-03-18
**Heritage Value**

- ARA found that the property has cultural heritage value and is worthy of designation per Ontario Reg. 9/06.
- Design/physical value:
  - Representative of an early vernacular farmhouse with Georgian elements.
- Contextual value:
  - One of the oldest buildings remaining in Aldershot (former Flamboro East Township)
  - Supports the agricultural character of the area
- The property does not have historical/associative value.
- ARA's report is contained in Appendix B of the staff report

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**The Municipal Register**

- The Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Resources
  - Formally identifies properties of cultural heritage value or interest within a community;
  - Delays demolition to allow Council consideration;
  - Plays an important role in the promotion of understanding about the City’s cultural heritage resources.
- The inclusion of non-designated properties on the Register is an important and proactive measure in Burlington’s heritage conservation efforts.
Staff Recommendation

- Staff recommend that Council retain 176 Rennick Road on the Register (deny the request to remove the property from the Register)

Council Options

- If Council
  - retains the property on the Register (as recommended by staff):
    - No change from current status.
    - Owner would have to give notice of any future intention to demolish.
  - removes the property from the Register:
    - Property will have no heritage protections. Owner may apply for and obtain a demolition permit.
  - states an intention to designate the property:
    - Public notice will be published in the newspaper.
    - Any person may object to Council's intention, triggering a Conservation Review Board hearing.
    - If no one objects within 30 days, Council can designate the property.
    - Demolition of designated properties is not permitted without Council's consent.