



Heritage Response to Bill 23: Evaluation of Shortlist of Designation Candidates

Committee of the Whole
Presentation
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Background

Pre-Commencement of Evaluation of Bill 23 – Heritage Designation Shortlist

- **Nov. 2022:** Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, received Royal Assent.
- **June 2023:** Report [PL-34-23](#) – Heritage Response to Bill 23 presented to City Council.
- **Nov. 2023:** Heritage response to Bill 23 – shortlist of designation candidates ([PL-35-23](#)) went before Council.
- **Spring of 2024:** Launch of the Bill 23 – Heritage Designation Candidates Shortlist project.

Heritage Designation Process



Public Consultation



- **Project Kick-off Meeting with Property Owners:** June 25, 2024.
- **Burlington Heritage Week Engagement:** Aug. 9, 2024.
- **Food for Feedback:** Sept. 14, 2024.
- **Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee:** Oct. 9, 2024; Dec. 17, 2024; Jan. 8, 2025; and Jan. 29, 2025.

Evaluation Criteria

- Ontario Regulation 9/06
 - Design or physical value
 - Historical or associative value
 - Contextual value
- A property must meet 2/9 criteria to be designated



Photo 3.1 Front façade of 482 Elizabeth Street. looking southwest



Plate 3

Early sketch of the new Burlington Public Library at 482 Elizabeth Street (Burlington Historical Society 1953)

Evaluation Findings

- Stantec found 22/27 properties to meet two or more criteria
 - Eligible for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*



Photo 3.3 Front façade, looking southwest



Photo 3.3 Front (north) façade, looking north.

Staff Recommendation

- Staff recommend that 22 properties be designated ([Appendix B](#) to [DGM-10-25](#))



Plate 9: Dakota Schoolhouse ca. 1966-1970s
(Burlington Post 2021)



Photo 3.6: Front façade, looking southwest

Next Steps

- Publication of notices of intention to designate the properties
 - Owners can object to the notices
 - Council considers any objections and can withdraw the notices
- Pass designation by-laws
 - Owners can appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal