# Report to/Rapport au :

# Built Heritage Sub-Committee Sous-comité du patrimoine bâti

and/et

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales

and Council / et au Conseil

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RIDEAU-GOULBOURN (21)

SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO ALTER 6576 FOURTH LINE ROAD, A PROPERTY DESIGNATED UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT.

OBJET: DEMANDE EN VUE DE MODIFIER LE 6576, CHEMIN FOURTH LINE, PROPRIÉTÉ DÉSIGNÉE EN VERTU DE LA PARTIE IV DE LA LOI

SUR LE PATRIMOINE DE L'ONTARIO

# **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Built Heritage Sub-committee recommend that Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council:

- 1. Approve the application to alter 6576 Fourth Line Road as per the drawings submitted by Keystone Group on May 7, 2013;
- 2. Delegate authority for minor design changes to the General Manager, Planning and Growth Management Department; and

3. Issue the heritage permit with a two-year expiry date from the date of issuance.

(Note: The statutory 90-day timeline for consideration of this application under the *Ontario Heritage Act* will expire on July 26, 2013.)

(Note: Approval to alter this property under the *Ontario Heritage Act* must not be construed to meet the requirements for the issuance of a building permit.)

#### RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité consultatif sur le patrimoine bâti d'Ottawa recommande au Comité De l'agriculture et des affaires rurales de recommander à son tour au Conseil :

- 1. d'approuver la demande en vue de modifier le 6576, avenue Fourth Line, conformément aux dessins soumis par keystone Group le 7 mai 2013 ;
- de déléguer au directeur général du Service de l'urbanisme et de la gestion de la croissance le pouvoir d'apporter des modifications mineures au plan; et
- 3. de délivrer le permis en matière de patrimoine, qui expirera deux ans après sa date de délivrance.

(Nota : Le délai réglementaire de 90 jours d'examen de cette demande, exigé en vertu de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, prendra fin le 26 juillet 2013.)

Nota: L'approbation de la demande de modification aux termes de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario* ne signifie pas pour autant qu'elle satisfait aux conditions de délivrance d'un permis de construire.)

#### BACKGROUND

The Harrison House, 6576 Fourth Line Road, is a two-and-a-half-storey red brick house located in North Gower. The building features gabled dormers, a metal roof and a large two-storey verandah (see Documents 1 and 2). The house was designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by the former municipality of Rideau Township in 1989. The by-law only includes the front and two side elevations of the building. The rear façade has been extensively altered and is excluded from the designation (see Document 5).

This report has been prepared because the *Ontario Heritage Act* requires that alterations to designated heritage buildings be approved by City Council. This project will also require minor variances to the Heritage Overlay (Section 60 of the Zoning By-law).

# **DISCUSSION**

#### **Recommendation 1:**

This project involves the conversion of the existing residential house into a dental clinic. The addition of the dental clinic requires additional floor area and as such the new owner is proposing an addition to the building.

The application to alter includes the construction of a one-storey addition at the rear of the building that will wrap around the north elevation of the building and extend into the south side yard of the building. The option of building the addition entirely in the rear yard was explored but could not be accomplished due to the presence of the flood plain in the rear yard.

6576 Fourth Line Road was constructed in 1910-11 by Tom Mills for his son William Mills and his family. Tom Mills was a local builder known for other buildings in the area. The house forms part of an important historic main street in North Gower which also includes the former town hall and the Presley House.

The proposed addition is one-storey in height and extends across the rear of the building. The only intervention to the designated portion of the building is where the addition wraps around the north side of the building to provide a new, accessible entrance. The addition has a hipped roof with pedimented gables. The foundation will be clad in a stone veneer to reflect the original building, and the addition itself will be clad in board and batten style HardiePlank siding. The new windows will reflect the divisions found in the historic windows of the building being one over one with the upper pane being approximately one-third of the window and the lower pane being one-third. The accessibility ramp and stairs to the building will be wood with a metal railing. All wood details on the new addition will be painted, reflecting the wood details on the historic building (see Documents 3 and 4).

# **Standards and Guidelines**

City Council approved the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada in 2008. The applicable standards for this application are:

Standard 1: Conserve the heritage value of an historic place. Do not remove, replace or alter its substantially in tact or repairable character-defining elements.

Standard 3: Conserve heritage value by adopting an approach calling for minimum intervention.

Standard 11: Conserve the heritage value and character-defining elements when creating any new additions to an historic place or any related new construction. Make the new work physically and visually compatible with, subordinate to and distinguishable from the historic place.

Standard 12: Create any new additions or related new construction so that the essential form and integrity of an historic place will not be impaired if the new work is removed in the future.

The following guidelines are applicable:

#### Section 4.3.1

- (13) Selecting the location for a new addition that ensures that the heritage value of the place is maintained.
- (14) Designing a new addition in a manner that draws a clear distinction between what is historic and what is new.
- (15) Designing an addition that is compatible in terms of materials and massing with the exterior form of the historic building and its setting.

The Department supports the application to alter 6576 Fourth Line Road because the proposal meets the requirements of the Standards and Guidelines/or the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada. Through its scale, massing and use of materials, the proposed addition is physically and visually compatible with and subordinate to the historic building. The proposed addition is located at the rear of the building and does not impact its heritage attributes such as the red brick construction, roofline, pedimented gable, two-storey porch and the original windows. Finally, despite the fact that the rear façade is not included in the designation of this building, the addition and other exterior improvements to the rear façade will have a positive impact on this historic building.

#### **Recommendation 2:**

Occasionally, minor changes to a building emerge during the working drawing phase. This recommendation is included to allow the Planning and Growth Management Department to approve these changes.

#### **Recommendation 3:**

The *Ontario Heritage Act* does not provide any timelines for the expiry of heritage permits. A two-year expiry date is recommended to ensure that projects are completed in a timely fashion and according to the approved heritage permit.

# **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

This addition will enhance an underutilized heritage resource that reflects Ottawa's rural heritage.

#### CONSULTATION

Heritage Ottawa was notified of the application and offered the opportunity to provide comments.

Neighbours within 30 metres of the property were notified of the application and offered the opportunity to provide comments.

# COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR

Councillor Moffatt is aware of the application.

# LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

# RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications.

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications.

# ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility implications associated with this report.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environment implications associated with this report.

# TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

Information Technology approved this report without comment.

# TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

HC4- Improve arts and heritage.

# APPLICATION PROCESS TIMELINE STATUS

This application was processed within the 90-day timeline required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

# **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1 Location Map

Document 2 Current Conditions

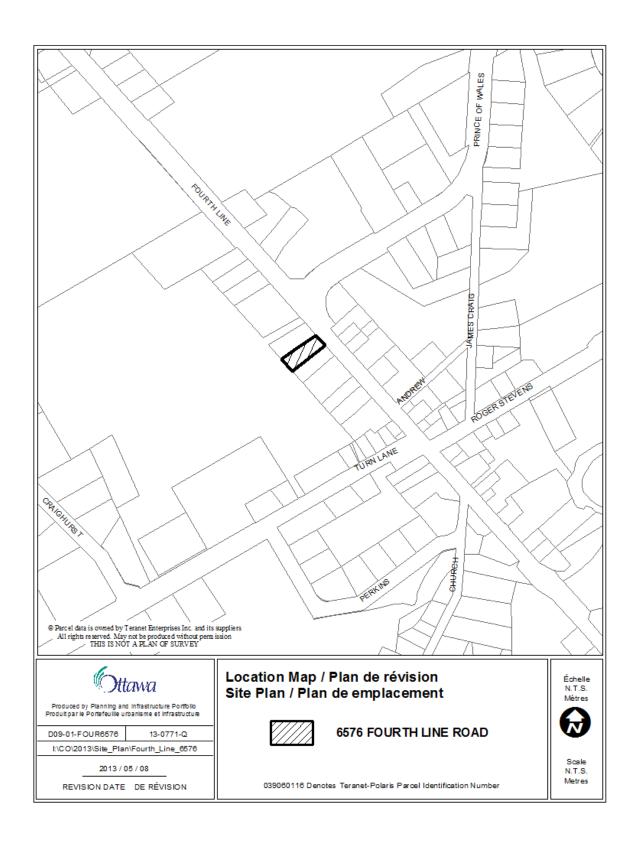
Document 3 Site Plan Document 4 Elevations

Document 5 Statement of Reason for Designation

# **DISPOSITION**

City Clerk and Solicitor Department, Legislative Services, to notify the property owner and the Ontario Heritage Trust (10 Adelaide Street East, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1J3) of Council's decision.

LOCATION MAP DOCUMENT 1

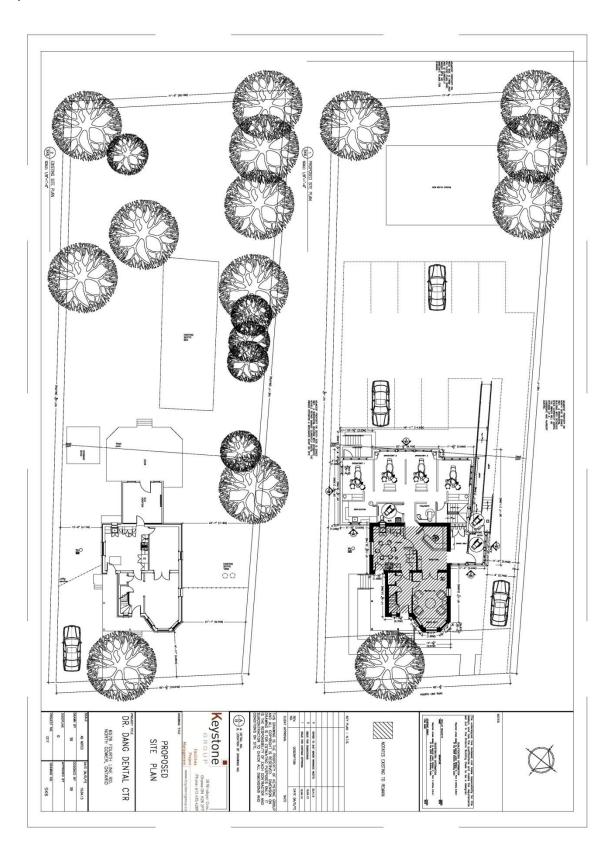








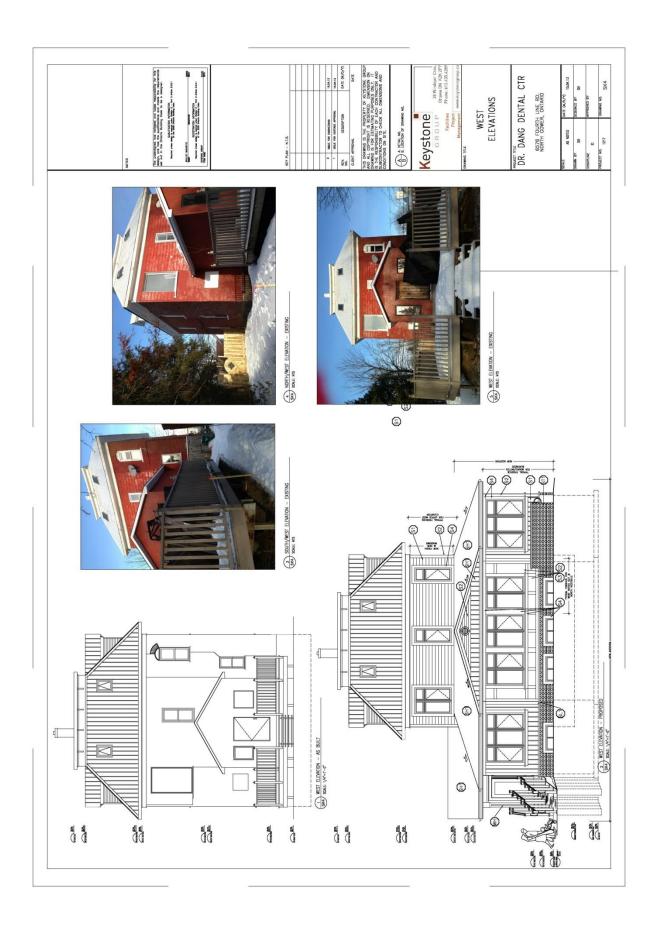
SITE PLAN DOCUMENT 3

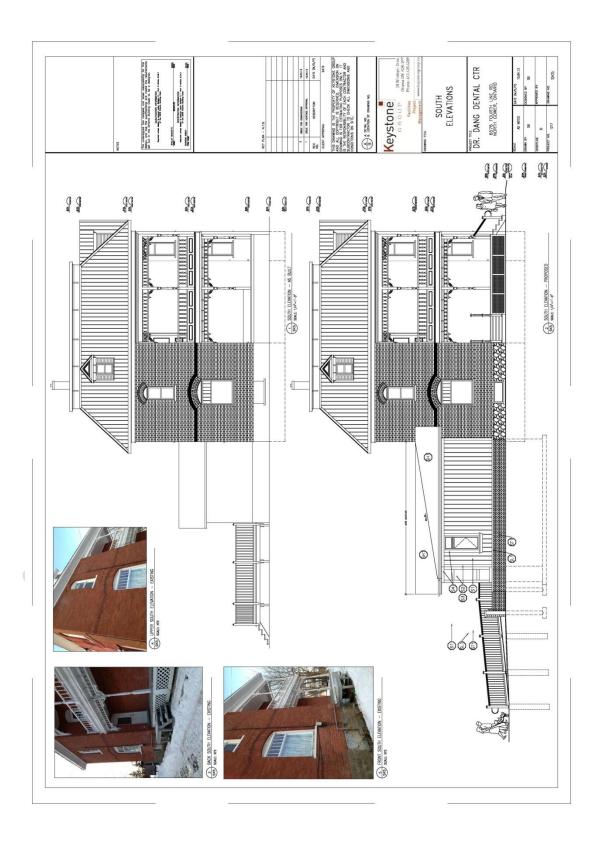


**ELEVATIONS** DOCUMENT4









# STATEMENT OF REASON FOR DESIGNATION

**DOCUMENT 5** 

Bylaw 32-89

Statement of Reason for Designation – Harrison House, 6576 Fourth Line Road This is one of the larger and more elaborate houses in North Gower and is an important part of the main streetscape. It is a good example of the vernacular interpretation of the Queen Anne style and deserves to be preserved. Designation includes the front and side elevations on the understanding that the patch work repair on the north side will be corrected when funds permit.

