

EXTRACT OF DRAFT
BUILT HERITAGE SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES 18
13 APRIL 2017

EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE
DU PROCÈS-VERBAL 18
SOUS-COMITÉ DU
PATRIMOINE BÂTI
LE 13 AVRIL 2017

APPLICATION TO ALTER THE SOMERSET HOUSE, 352 SOMERSET STREET WEST, A PROPERTY DESIGNATED UNDER PART V OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT* AND LOCATED IN THE CENTRETOWN HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ACS2017-PIE-RHU-0003

SOMERSET (14)

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Built Heritage Sub-Committee recommend that Planning Committee recommend that Council:

1. **Approve the application to alter Somerset House, 352 Somerset Street West, according to plans by Richard Chmiel, Richard Chmiel Architects, received on March 1, 2017;**
2. **Approve the restoration of the historic portion of the Somerset House, including the reconstruction of the corner tower based on historic photographs, the re-installation of the northerly bay window, the restoration of decorative metal work, including the cornice, according to plans received on March 1, 2017;**
3. **Delegate the authority for minor design changes to the approved plans to the General Manager, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development;**
4. **Issue the Heritage Permit with an expiry date of two years, unless otherwise extended by City Council; and**

5. **Approve the deletion of Recommendation 10, passed by City Council on July 13, 2016, which required that the fourth bay of the north wall be reconstructed.**

(Note: The statutory 90-day timeline for consideration of this application under the *Ontario Heritage Act* will expire on May 30, 2017.)

(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.)

The following submissions were received in support of the staff recommendations and copies are held on file with the City Clerk:

- Drina Wethey submission dated 8 Apr
- Gerry Montpetit, submission dated 7 Apr

Sally Coutts, Senior Heritage Planner, Heritage and Urban Design Branch provided a brief overview of the application before the Committee.

David Jeanes, Heritage Ottawa spoke in support for the previous design but was pleased to see the reinstatement of some windows, as well as the turret.

Richard Chmiel, Chmiel Architects Inc., advised that his firm took over the project from the previous architect after the demolition of the fourth bay. They attempted to capture much of the original design while maintaining a link to the existing heritage elements.

Questions arose on the possibility of reinstating the fourth bay as originally recommended by Council and the suggestion was made to delete the word "minor" from Recommendation 3, with modifications to Recommendation 1 as appropriate. Christine Enta, Legal Counsel was present and provided advice with regards to these suggestions.

The Committee then considered the following staff recommendation as amended:

Motion - BHSC 18/1

Moved by Councillor C. McKenney

That the Built Heritage Sub-Committee recommend that Planning

Committee recommend that Council:

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2. Approve the restoration of the historic portion of the Somerset House, including the reconstruction of the corner tower based on historic photographs, the re-installation of the northerly bay window, the restoration of decorative metal work, including the cornice, according to plans received on March 1, 2017;
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CARRIED, as amended