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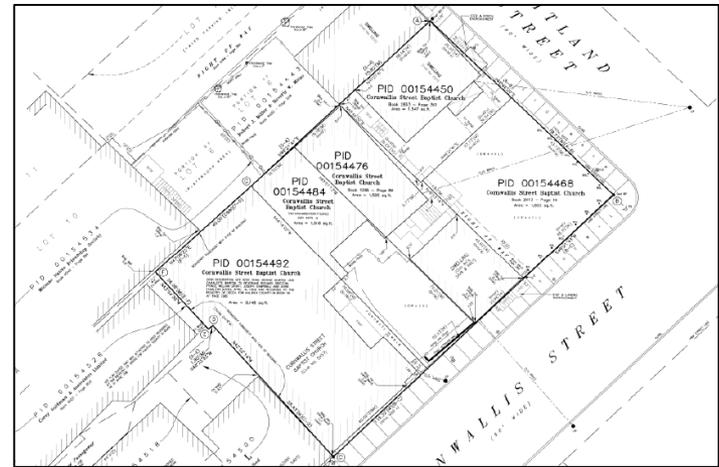
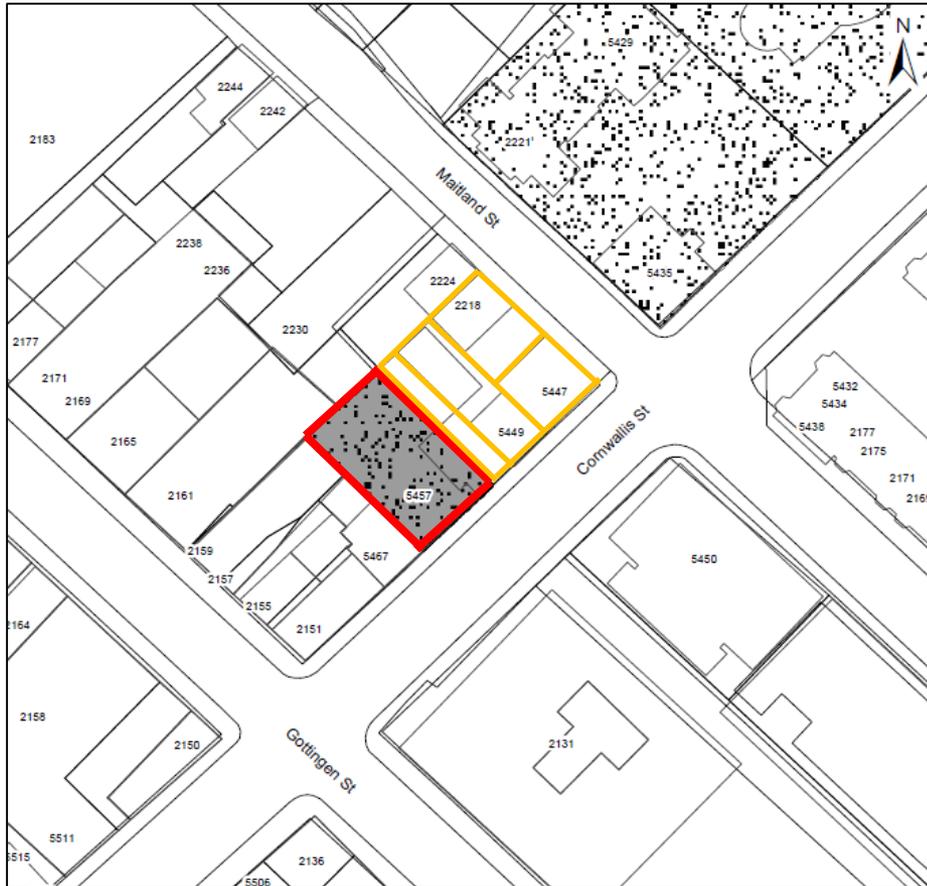
Case No. H00453

Application to Substantially Alter the Cornwallis
Street Baptist Church

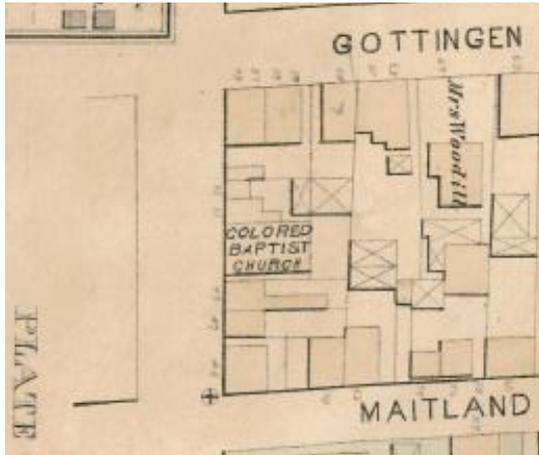
5457 Cornwallis Street, Halifax

July 26, 2017

Location



Heritage Value



Hopkins Atlas (1878)

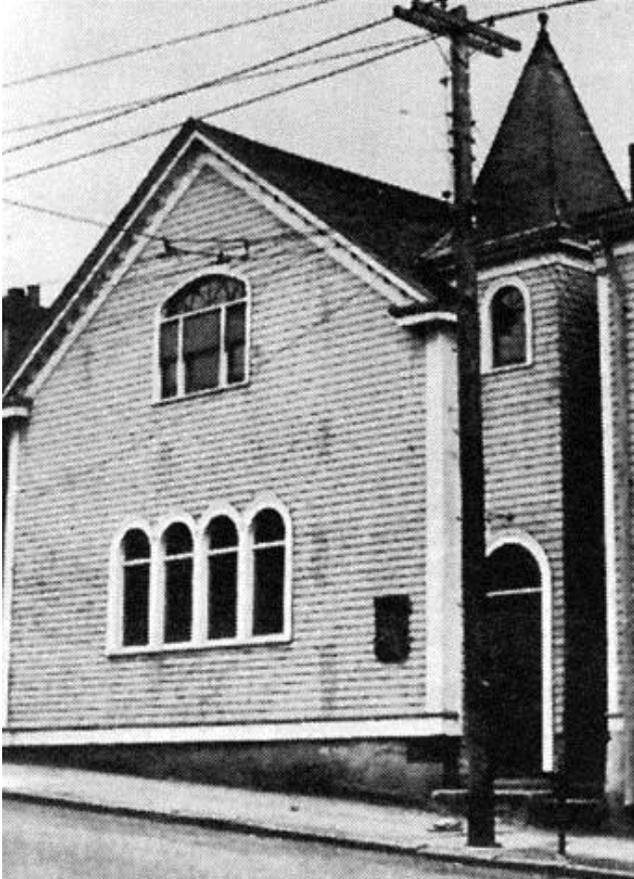


Richard Preston (1850)
Courtesy of Nova Scotia Archives

- The African Baptist Church was originally constructed in 1832.
- Served as the first African Baptist Church in Nova Scotia.
- Reverend Richard Preston was the first pastor of the congregation. He would go on to found several churches throughout Nova Scotia, as well as the African Abolition Society and the African Baptist Association.

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Heritage Value



- Incorporated as the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church in 1892.
- Underwent significant renovations in 1914.
- Survived the Halifax Explosion in 1917.
- Brick addition constructed in 1956 to increase community space.

Character Defining Elements



- Symmetrical window placement on the façade
- Upper triple window
- Lower series of four windows within one large opening
- Palladian arched windows with fan lights
- Four sided steeple with a bellcast curved steepled roof and finial
- Cedar shingle siding
- Pronounced decorative eaves with dentals
- Defined cornerboards with classical returns

Proposal



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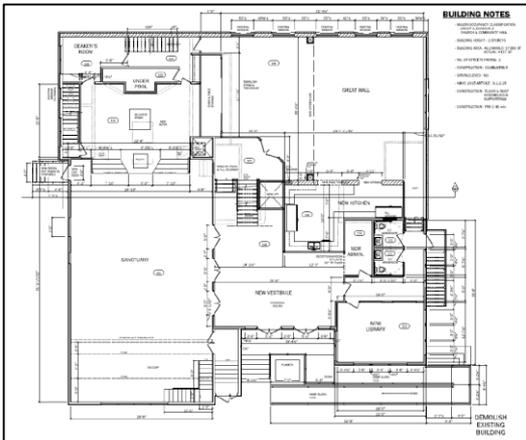
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Standards and Guidelines

*The proposed alteration has been evaluated using **Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada, 2nd edition***



- Character defining elements of the church being maintained and restored.
- Features being enclosed or removed have limited heritage value.
- Addition has been designed to be compatible with, subordinate to and distinguishable from the heritage building.
- Would support the continued use of the property as a place of worship and community centre.

Conclusion

- Proposal conforms with the Standards and Guidelines
- Addition will result in the retention of the character defining elements of the heritage building.
- Design is distinct but compatible with the original structure.
- Addition is necessary to enhance the accessibility and functionality of the church and increase the amount of community space available to meet the needs of its current use.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the substantial alteration to the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, 5457 Cornwallis Street, Halifax.