

Request for Heritage Advisory Committee Consideration

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Date of Meeting: November 27, 2019

Subject: St. Patrick's Rectory, 2267 Brunswick Street – Potential for Re-Registration and Inclusion in Heritage Registry

Motion for the Heritage Advisory Committee to Consider:

That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report examining the potential for re-registering St. Patrick's Rectory, 2267 Brunswick Street, and re-entering it in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Reason:

In 1982, due to a clerical error regarding the civic address for St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church (2263 Brunswick St.), the Rectory at 2267 Brunswick St. (the mailing address for the church) was mistakenly registered as a Municipal Heritage Property instead of the church; and was entered in the Registry of Heritage Property for Halifax Regional Municipality.

In 2015, the Parish of St. Patrick's Church identified the error and requested the Rectory be de-registered, in order to facilitate its sale for development for residential purposes by private interests under a municipal development agreement. This was agreed to by Halifax Regional Council, since the original registration had been made in error.

At the time of de-registration, staff noted that "the Rectory has sufficient heritage value to allow for the consideration of a new municipal heritage registration for the building on its own merits." In addition to various character defining elements, it was noted that "The Rectory was designed to complement the architecture of the Church with its brick construction and gothic wooden gable details on the third floor windows." There was, however, no subsequent action.

The Rectory is situated immediately between St. Patrick's Church (a Provincial and Municipal Heritage Building) and Huestis House (2275 Brunswick, a Municipal Heritage Building); all lie within the Brunswick Street Heritage Area. The Rectory, now re-purposed, has maintained and supports the character, appearance and integrity of the church and surrounding Heritage Area.

This year, 2019, marks the 130th anniversary of completion of the Rectory (1889) and is therefore an appropriate time to reconsider designating it a Municipal Heritage Building.

Outcome Sought:

A motion from Halifax Regional Council requesting a staff report to examine the potential for including St. Patrick's Rectory, 2267 Brunswick Street, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

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Vice Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee