

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Heritage Designation Report for 167 Four Mile Creek Road, 4 Walnut Street, and 1665 Four Mile Creek Road

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REPORT #: CDS-24-172

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DEPARTMENT: Community & Development Services

BACKGROUND

Town staff have prepared designation reports for properties included on the Municipal Heritage Committee's ("MHC") list of priority properties for the Committee's information and input.

This designation reports assesses the heritage value and potential for heritage designation of the following properties:

- 167 Four Mile Creek Road (**Appendix I**)
- 4 Walnut Street (**Appendix II**)
- 1665 Four Mile Creek Road (**Appendix III**)

The reports provided in the appendices include a detailed review of the O.Reg.9/06 Criteria, including the design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual value of the property, as well as the research and evaluation that is required to move property designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act* ("OHA"). Staff evaluation concludes that the properties meet a minimum of two criteria for designation, and as such, is a strong candidate for designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the OHA.

This work is being undertaken as part of Council's Planning for Progress work, to move heritage designations prior to properties being removed from the Town's Municipal Heritage Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest ("Heritage Register").

Further, the MHC and Council endorsed a list of 22 priority properties for individual designation via Report CDS-23-200, and an additional list of 20 priority properties via Report CDS-24-023. The priority properties were identified as those which, if lost due to demolition, neglect, or inappropriate alteration, would result in the substantial loss of a piece of Niagara-on-the-Lake history or identity. The subject properties, at 167 Four Mile Creek Road, 4 Walnut Street, and 1665 Four Mile Creek Road, were identified on the list and a letter notifying the owner of the

Town's interest in designation was sent to the owners of 167 Four Mile Creek Road and 1665 Four Mile Creek Road on October 27, 2023 and to the owners of 4 Walnut Street on March 6, 2024.

NEXT STEPS

Staff are seeking any additional input from the MHC with regards to the staff evaluation of the properties located at 167 Four Mile Creek Road, 4 Walnut Street, and 1665 Four Mile Creek Road against the criteria outlined in O.Reg.9/06, and an endorsement to proceed with the designation process. If the MHC endorses the pursuit of designation, in principle, Staff will prepare a draft Designation By-law and will return in December with the draft by-law for the Committee's consideration.

APPENDICES

- **Appendix I** – 167 Four Mile Creek Road
- **Appendix II** – 4 Walnut Street
- **Appendix III** – 1665 Four Mile Creek Road

Respectfully submitted,



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