



## TOWN STATEMENT

# Town Provides Update on Royal George Theatre Judicial Review

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March 25, 2026

On March 24, 2026, the Divisional Court released its [decision](#) on the Judicial Review of the Royal George Theatre. The Court found that the Town's processes were thorough, transparent, justified, and grounded in extensive consultation and expert analysis. The application has therefore been dismissed by the Divisional Court.

In its conclusion, the Court highlighted that the Town undertook months of consultation, considered numerous expert reports, and addressed key heritage concerns. The Court further recognized that Council's decisions were justified and made in the broader interest of the community. The decision of the Divisional Court also notes costs awarded to the Town in the amount of \$25,000.00.

The Court's decision affirms the strength and integrity of the Town's planning processes and confirms that the Town acted appropriately throughout. It validates that the Town's approach was comprehensive, well-documented, and aligned with legislative requirements. The decision further confirms that Town Council acted appropriately and in accordance with all applicable requirements.

Today, on March 25, 2026, the applicant (Centurion Building Corporation) has subsequently filed two motions with the Court of Appeal for Ontario: (1) a motion for leave to appeal the Divisional Court decision, and (2) a motion seeking a stay (pause) of any demolition of the structures at 79-83 Queen Street pending the outcome of a potential appeal. At this time, no determination has been made with respect to these motions.

Staff continue to work through the standard planning, heritage and building processes related to this proposal. The Town remains committed to following all required legislative and legal processes to ensure decisions are made appropriately and in the public interest.

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