

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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To: Mayor and Members of Town Council

Subject: Heritage Designation of 65-67 Richmond Street

1. **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

1. Council **DESIGNATE** the "Thomas Drug Store" at 65-67 Richmond Street by municipal by-law under Part IV the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

2. BACKGROUND:

65-67 Richmond Street is a property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest on the Council-adopted, Town of Amherstburg Heritage Registry, in accordance with section 27(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

On June 24, 2021 the Owner of 65-67 Richmond Street was a delegation to the Heritage Committee meeting and requested that the property be designated as per Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

On June 24, 2021 the Heritage Committee moved:

"That the Heritage Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Council **PUBLISH** an intent to designate 67 Richmond Street."

On August 12, 2021 the Heritage Committee moved:

"That a Special Meeting of the Heritage Committee **BE CALLED** for September 2, 2021 to discuss the contents of the Notices of Intent to Designate 67 Richmond Street."

On September 2, 2021 the Heritage Committee moved that:

"Council **PUBLISH** an intent to designate 65-67 Richmond Street, inclusive of a statement of cultural heritage value or significance and noted features and send same to the property owner and Ontario Heritage Trust."

On October 12, 2021, Council moved that:

- 1. Notice of Intent to Designate 65-67 Richmond Street **BE GIVEN** to designate the property by municipal bylaw in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- 2. The Notice of Intent to Designate 65-67 Richmond Street **CONTAIN** the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the list of Heritage Attributes as recommended by the Heritage Committee, as required.

Notice to the Owner was delivered on October 18, 2021 and Public Notice was published on October 20, 2021. Designation of the property must occur within 120 days of the published notice.

The Town of Amherstburg *Official Plan* strongly supports the conservation of heritage properties. The following policies in Section 6.4.6 of the *Official Plan* support designation of heritage properties:

- (1) It shall be the policy of Council to encourage the preservation of buildings and sites having historical and/or architectural value.
- (3) Council will designate and regulate heritage under appropriate legislation, including the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the *Planning Act*, and the *Municipal Act*, whenever deemed feasible.

3. DISCUSSION:

The property Owner remains committed to the designation of the property. Designation of the property will ensure its long-term conservation and manage any future interventions in alignment with best practices in heritage conservation.

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

There are no significant risks involved in endorsing the recommendations of this report given that the Owner of the subject property has requested the designation. However, any member of the public may oppose the designation of the property and appeals could be pursued.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

There are no direct financial implications of endorsing the recommendations of the report. However, should appeals to oppose the designation be filed, the Town may incur expenses related to defending its assertion of the cultural heritage value or interest of the property.

6. **CONSULTATIONS**:

Frank Garardo, Manager of Planning Services Kevin Fox, Policy and Committee Coordinator

7. <u>CONCLUSION</u>:

This report is provided by the Town of Amherstburg Heritage Planner to assist Council in designating the property under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The Heritage Planner supports the designation of the property.

Clint Robertson/ Heritage Planner

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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