

то:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS LONDON ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HERITAGE WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2015	
FROM:	JOHN M. FLEMING MANAGING DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND CITY PLANNER	
SUBJECT:	HERITAGE ALTERATION PERMIT APPLICATION: O. DURASIN, 26 ELMWOOD AVENUE EAST	

RECOMMENDATION

Consistent with the Delegated Authority By-law (By-law No. C.P.-1502-129), and as recommended by the London Advisory Committee on Heritage, the alteration and addition to the house on the heritage designated property located at 26 Elmwood Avenue East, within the Wortley Village-Old South Heritage Conservation District, **BE PERMITTED** by the City Planner with the following terms and conditions:

- a. The wood board and batten cladding wrap the building;
- b. The all exposed wood be painted;
- c. If the concrete structure is exposed through the construction process, the Heritage Planner be consulted to determine the most appropriate conservation and design approach;
- d. Photographic documentation of the alteration and addition be submitted to the Heritage Planner upon completion of the work;
- e. Display of a Heritage Alteration Permit in a location visible from the street until the work is completed.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

None.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

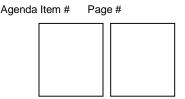
The purpose of the recommended action is to permit the alteration of a property located within the Wortley Village-Old South Heritage Conservation District (WV-OS HCD), in accordance with Section 42 (2.1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

BACKGROUND

26 Elmwood Avenue East is located within the WV-OS HCD, designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act (By-law No. L.S.P.-3439-321). The property is located on the north side of Elmwood Avenue East between Brighton Street and Edward Street (Appendix A).

The building located at 26 Elmwood Avenue East is a detached, one-and-a-half storey building (Appendix B). It was constructed prior to 1907, as indicated by the available Fire Insurance Plan. The building is presently clad in vertical siding with Angelstone applied at the base. There is some imbrication in the gable, although the peak of the gable has been clad in the same vertical siding as the base of the building. A shed dormer is located on the east slope of the roof. The porch appears to have been substantially altered; it presently has metal railings and posts on a concrete base. An addition was constructed at the rear of the property sometime in the 1980s. The windows and doors have been previously replaced and are not original.

Contextually, the property fits within the WV-OS HCD. 26 Elmwood Avenue East is identified as



a C-ranked property by the WV-OS HCD Plan & Guidelines. The building maintains a consistent setback along the north streetscape of Elmwood Avenue East and is surrounded by one-and-a-half, two, and two-and-a-half storey residential buildings.

The City Planner is required to consult with the LACH in situations where a Heritage Alteration Permit application satisfies one or more of the Conditions for Referral defined in the Delegated Authority By-law (By-law No. C.P.-1502-129). This application was deemed to have sensitivity, as the first application of its type in WV-OS HCD, thus meeting one of the Conditions for Referral. The LACH may make a recommendation regarding a Heritage Alteration Permit to the City Planner, after which the City Planner will make a decision with consideration of the recommendation of the LACH.

HERITAGE ALTERATION PERMIT APPLICATION

The Heritage Planner met with the property owner and their agent, on site, on November 16, 2015. The proposed alterations were discussed. A Heritage Alteration Permit application was submitted on November 30, 2015. The applicant has applied for a Heritage Alteration Permit to (see drawings dated November 30, 2015, Appendix C):

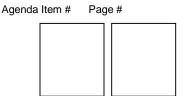
- Remove the existing rear addition;
- Remove the metal porch railings and post, retain the existing concrete porch;
- Remove the existing second storey;
- Construct a new second storey and rear addition with the following details:
 - Wood board and batten exterior cladding (to be applied over entire exterior);
 - o End gable roof clad in asphalt shingles;
 - o New windows:
 - Vinyl windows with snap-in grills;
 - Second storey south (front) façade windows project in a bump-out approximately 6" from the south wall, clad in horizontal wood board, with a gable roof and cedar shingle infill between painted accent detailing.
 - New solid wood door in the same approximate location as existing;
 - New, painted square wood porch posts and painted railings on existing concrete porch deck;
 - Square wooden 1.5" square spindles set 3" apart on centre, between a top and bottom rail in accordance with SB-7 EC-1 or EC-2.
 - Gable in centre of ground storey and second storey south façades with cedar shingle infill between painted accent detailing.

The existing parking area and detached garage will remain unaltered. If decorative pieces are discovered under the existing cladding, those elements will be salvaged and used for decorative purposes on the interior of the building.

ANALYSIS

Policies of the WV-OS HCD Plan & Guidelines support the maintenance of the residential amenity and human scale of the WV-OS HCD by ensuring the low rise, low density residential character remains dominant (s.4.1.1.a). The WV-OS HCD Plan & Guidelines recognize that alterations and additions will be made, but it is essential to ensure that those changes not adversely impact the overall cultural heritage value or interest of WV-OS HCD. Policies of Section 4.2.1 direct additions to the rear of an existing building, and in a scale and character that is consistent with adjacent buildings and the overall streetscape. Policies encourage additions to be subordinate to the original structure and the conservation of original heritage attributes of individual properties.

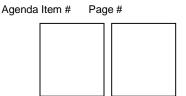
A review of the existing building located at 26 Elmwood Avenue East identifies very few remaining original elements. The windows and doors have been replaced, the building has been resided



with vertical vinyl siding and Angelstone at the base, and the metal railings of the porch do not appear to be original. There is limited historic documentation of the property. The Fire Insurance Plans suggest that the structure beneath the existing exterior cladding may be concrete (*cf.* 17 Elmwood Avenue East). The contractor will expose the original structure/finishes and report to the designer and property owner in writing; if the original finish is textured block or stone, the property owner would like to have this finish remain exposed.

Section 8.3 of the *WV-OS HCD Plan & Guidelines* provides "Recommended Practices and Design Guidelines" in the evaluation of alterations and additions within WV-OS HCD.

Alterations				
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a)	Research the original style and appearance of the building to determine the "authentic limits" of restoration or alteration so that the appropriate style is maintained.	No documentation is available for 26 Elmwood Avenue East that provides sufficient documentary evidence of its historic appearance. If concrete structure is uncovered as part of construction work, the textured block or stone may remain exposed.		
b)	In the absence of historical data, use forensic evidence available from the building itself to suggest appropriate restoration or alteration.	Previous alterations have obscured potential forensic details that may guide an alteration. For example, no historic materials of the porch remain (concrete deck with metal railing).		
c)	Seek similar properties (same age, same design, same builder, same architect) for evidence of details that may still exist as samples for reconstruction.	26 Elmwood Avenue East is the only siding- clad building on its block. There is limited precedence in the immediate vicinity.		
d)	Avoid "new" materials and methods of construction if the original is still available. In some cases, after careful research, substitute materials may perform better than original materials, but beware of using materials that have not been tested for years in a similar application.	Wood board and batten is the proposed cladding for the building. While this material has limited application in WV-OS HCD, it is still recognized as an appropriate material (WV-OS HCD Plan & Guidelines, s.9.4.5). The wood board and batten cladding must be painted.		
e)	Conserve; retain and restore heritage attributes wherever possible rather than replacing them, particularly for features such as windows, doors, porches, and decorative trim.	Potential heritage attributes (e.g. windows, doors, porch, trim) have previously been removed.		
f)	Where replacement of features (e.g. doors, windows, trim) is unavoidable, the replacement components should be of the same style, size, proportion, and material wherever possible.	The proposed replacement windows and doors are in the same approximate location with the similar dimensions.		
g)	Incorporate similar building forms, materials, scale and design elements in the alteration that exist on the original building.	The proposed design seeks to achieve uniformity across the entire building.		
h)	Avoid concealing or irreversible altering heritage attributes of property, such as entrances, windows, doors and decorative details when undertaking alterations.	No original heritage attributes remain. Should decorative elements be uncovered during the construction process, those elements will be salvaged as decorative pieces for the interior.		

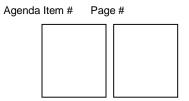


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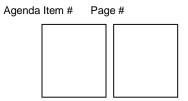
While the proposed alterations and addition to 26 Elmwood Avenue East appears to have a substantial impact on the individual building, this building has no remaining heritage attributes present. Previous alterations, prior to the designation of WV-OS HCD, have removed or irreversibly altered potential heritage attributes. The proposed alterations and addition are compatible with the WV-OS HCD Plan & Guidelines.

CONCLUSION

The recommended alterations to 26 Elmwood Avenue East will not adversely impact the WV-OS HCD. The recommended alterations, with terms and conditions, should be permitted under the



Delegated Authority By-law if supported by the LACH.



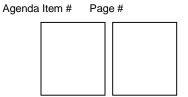
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Appendix A: Location Map
Appendix B: Property Photographs
Appendix C: Proposed Elevations

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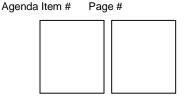
APPENDIX B: Property Photographs



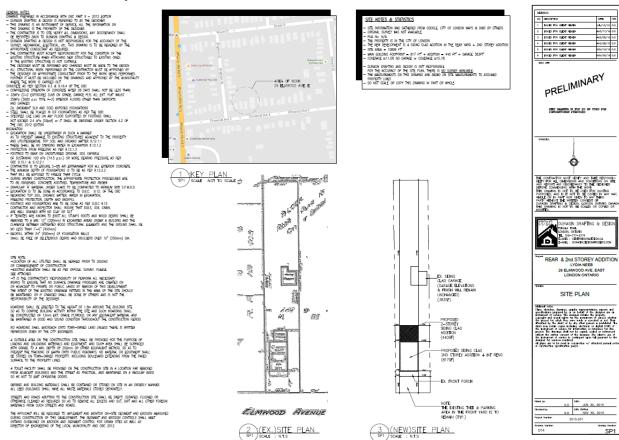
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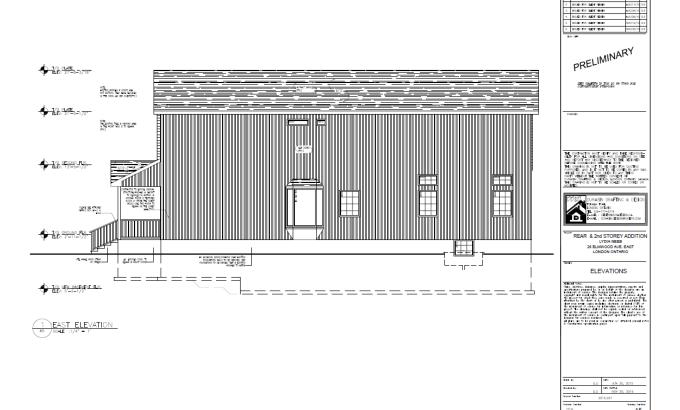


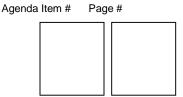
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APPENDIX C: Proposed Elevation







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