

H00493 - 53 Queen Street

Request to Include Property in the Registry of Heritage
Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Heritage Advisory Committee
Wednesday, July 22

Location



1. Age

Central School (1866-1917)



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Date of Construction	Points
1749 - 1785	25
1786 - 1830	20
1831 - 1867	16
1868 - 1899	13
1900 - 1917	9
1918 - 1945	5
1945 - Present	3

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2b. Historical Importance *(Architectural Style)*



- Baroque architectural style
- Edwardian Era (late 1890s -1910s)
- Style relies on balanced designs, symmetry, simple rooflines and uncomplicated, yet decorative moldings
- Few early-19th Century civic buildings in Dartmouth
- Few sandstone buildings in HRM

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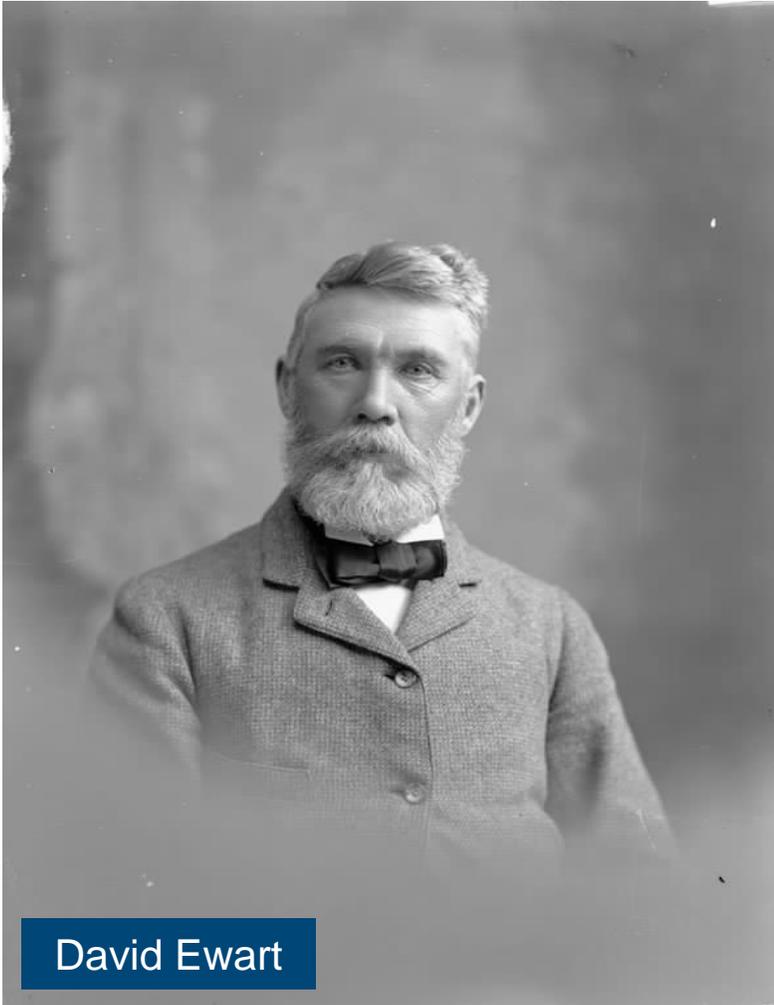
2b. Historical Importance *(Architectural Style)*



Importance	Points
Highly important, Unique, or representative of an era	16 - 20
Moderately important, Unique, or representative of an era	11 - 15
Somewhat important, or representative of an era	10 - 1
Not important, Unique, or representative of an era	0

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3. Significance of Architect



David Ewart

- Joined the Department of Public Works in 1884
- Chief Architect of the Department from 1897 to 1914
- Designed over 340 government buildings in Canada, including the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa (1908)
- Founding member of the Ontario Institute of Architects (1889) and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (1907)

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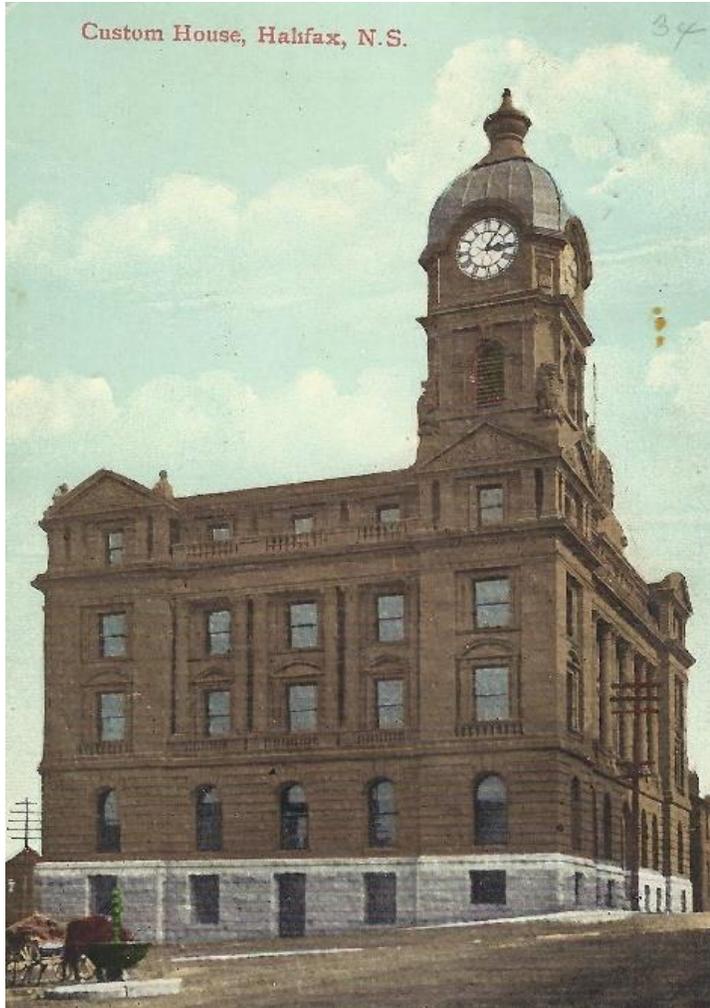
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Royal Canadian Mint (1908)

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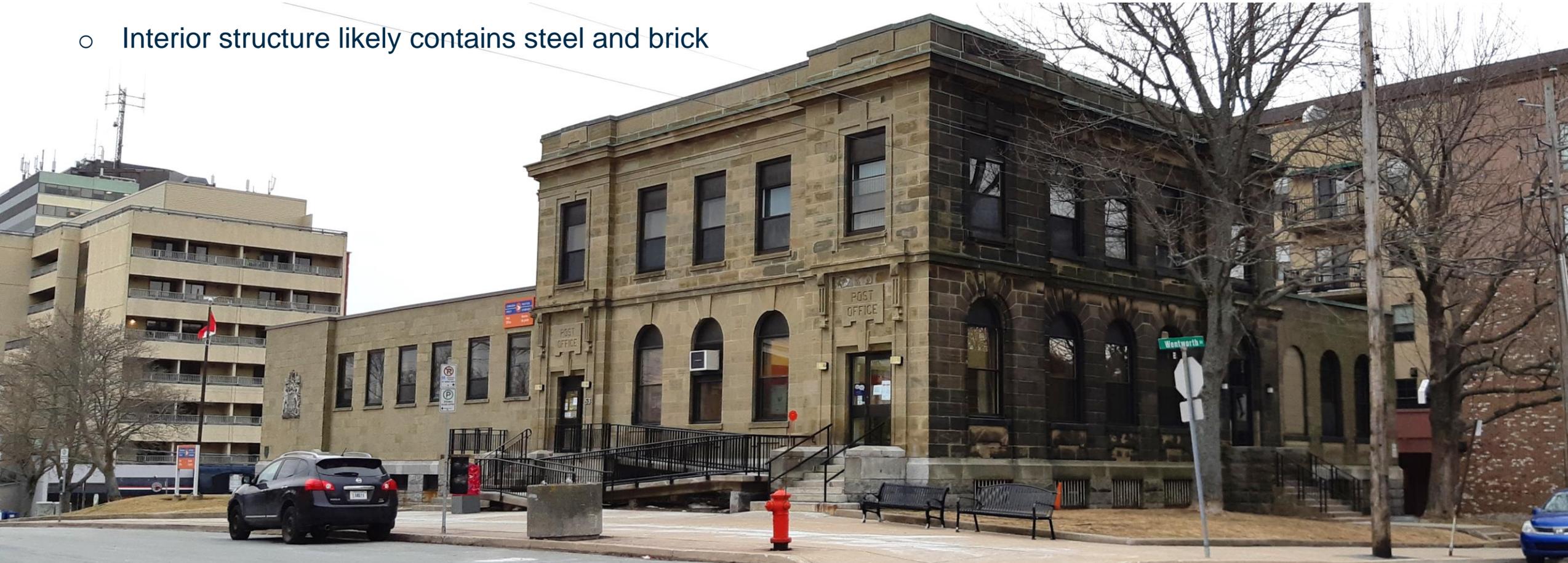


Status	Points
Nationally	7 - 10
Provincially Significant	4 - 6
Locally Significant	1 - 3
Not Significant	0

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4a. Architectural Merit (*Construction Type*)

- Exterior was constructed of sandstone brick; also incorporates granite brick
- Baroque style often used expensive materials
- Interior structure likely contains steel and brick



4a. Architectural Merit (*Construction Type*)

A) Construction type	Points
Very rare/ early example	7 - 10
Moderately rare/ early	4 - 6
Somewhat rare/ early example	1 - 3
Not rare/ common example	0



4b. Architectural Merit (Style)

- Merit derived from the Baroque style
- Typical features include symmetry through fenestration, grand entrance, decorative mouldings & cornice
- Other character defining elements:
 - 5-bay façades
 - Large window sills & voussoirs
 - “Post Office” lettering
 - Moulded lintels and brackets above the entryways
 - Cornice
 - String course



4b. Architectural Merit (Style)



B) Style	Points
Very rare/ early example	7 - 10
Moderately rare/ early	4 - 6
Somewhat rare/ early example	1 - 3
Not rare/ common example	0

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5. Architectural Integrity



Exterior	Points
Largely unchanged	11 - 15
Modest changes	6 - 10
Major changes	1 - 5
Seriously compromised	0

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6. Relationship To Surrounding Area



Points	Comments
6 - 10	The building is an important architectural asset contributing to the heritage character of the surrounding area.
1 - 5	The Architecture is compatible with the surrounding area and maintains its heritage character.
0	Does not contribute to the character of the surrounding area.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council:

1. Set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 53 Queen Street, Dartmouth, as shown on Map 1, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality; and
2. Approve the request to include 53 Queen Street, Dartmouth, as shown on Map 1, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as a municipal heritage property.

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Thank You