

## **H00484 - 2500 Creighton Street**

Request to Include 2500 Creighton Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Regional Council  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020

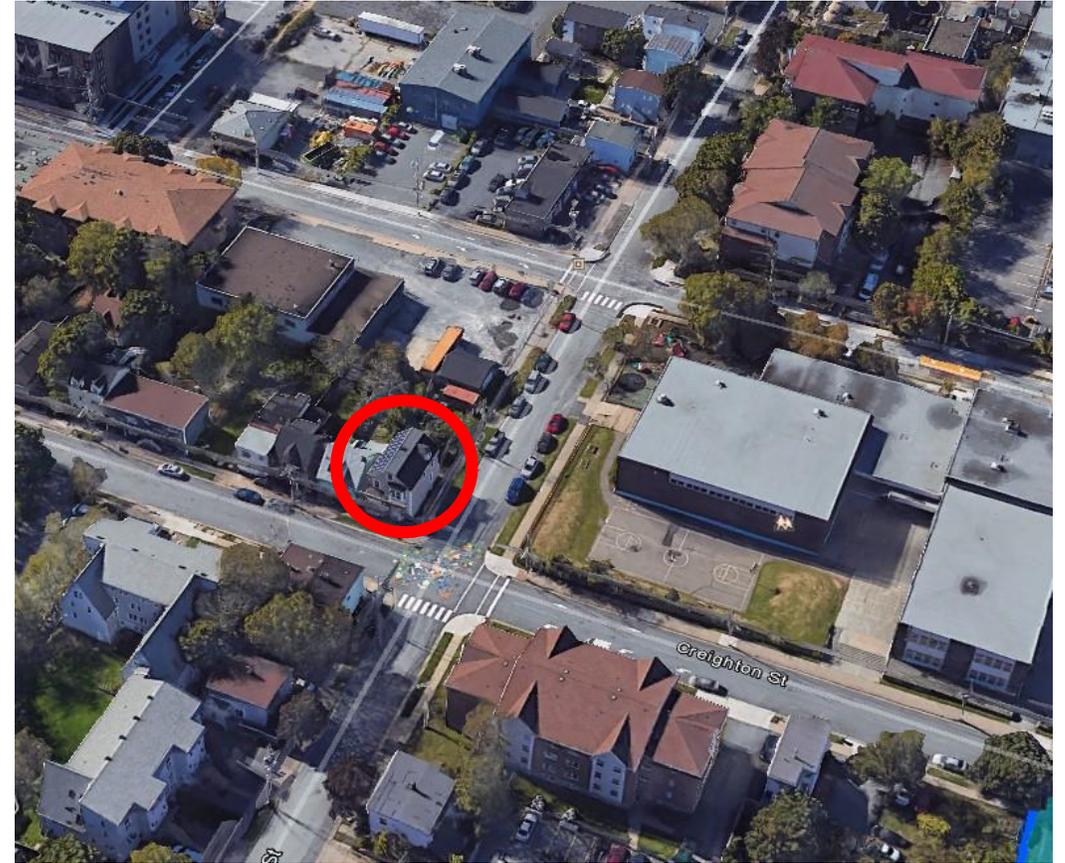
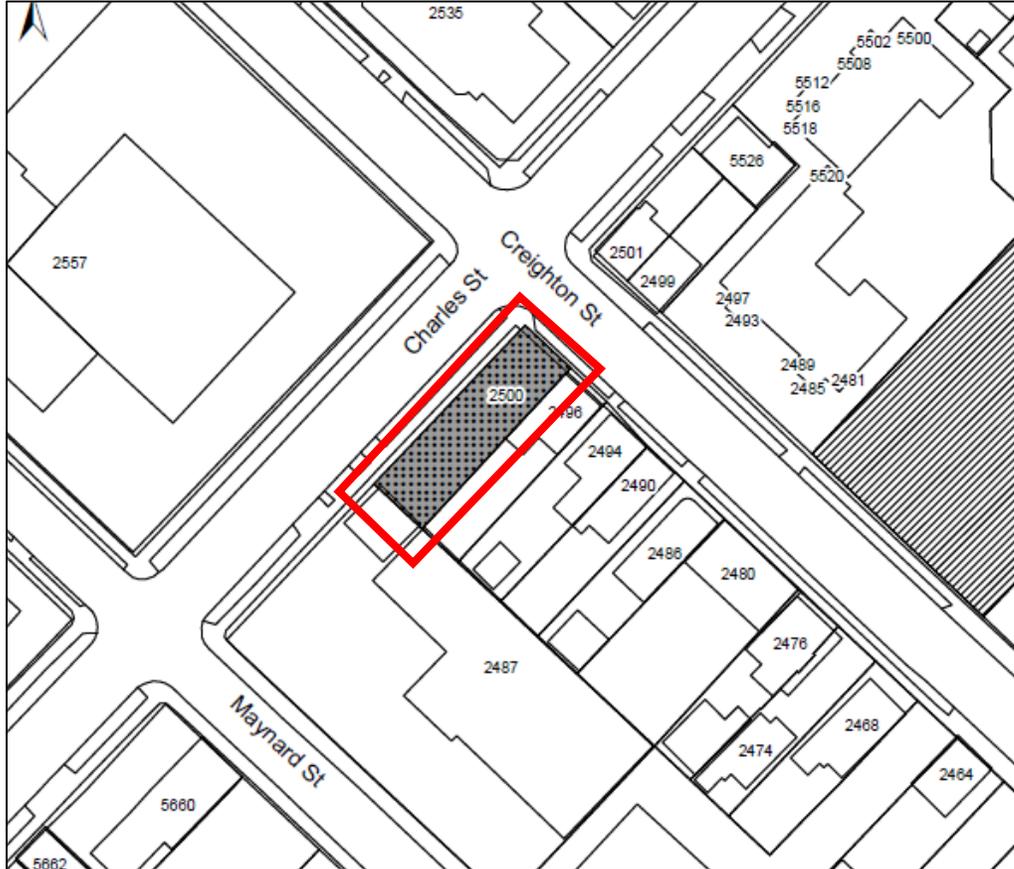
# HRM Registration Evaluation Criteria

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Criterion	Maximum Score
1. Age	25
2. Historical or Architectural Importance	20
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	10
4. Architectural Merit: Construction Type and Style	20
5. Architectural Integrity	15
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

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# Location



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# Application Background

- This is an application by the property owner, the St. Paul's Home Society, a registered non-profit organization in Halifax.
- Morris House has been the subject of an 11 year conservation project involving several non-profit groups.
- The house moved to its current location from Morris Street in 2013, and subsequently rehabilitated with the aim of providing community uses on the site.



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# Age

HAC Score: 25/25

- Based on historical research, the year of construction is estimated to be 1764.
- This would make Morris House the oldest wooden residence, and fifth-oldest structure in HRM.



Town of Halifax, 1777 (NSARM)



Morris House c.1840, by J.S. Clow (NSARM)

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# Historical Importance

HAC Score: 15/15

Relationship to Important Occasions, Institutions, Personages or Groups

- Charles Morris I was the first Surveyor General of Nova Scotia and laid-out several significant towns, including Halifax in 1749.
- His son and grandson subsequently also held that title and ran their business from the Morris House.
- The building also received national media attention during its high-profile relocation in 2013.



Charles Morris



Building relocation in 2013 (Huffington Post)

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- Morris House is one of only two surviving buildings in Halifax known to have been built with brick “nogging” between the structural timber framing. As a rare example of colonial building technology, a high score is recommended.



Brick “Nogging”

# Architectural Merit *(Style)*

HAC Score: 9/10

Morris House is a good and early example of colonial Georgian Architecture with it's simple form, truncated roof and Scottish dormer.

## The character-defining elements of the Morris House include:

- truncated, pitched roof;
- wood shingle cladding;
- five-sided Scottish dormer;
- c.1890 front bay windows;
- c.1890 enclosed front porch;
- wooden hung, sash windows with divided lights;
- cornerboards and returns; and
- dentils under eave.



Morris House in Spring 2020

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# Architectural Integrity

HAC Score: 13/15



1840



1953



2020

## Changes include:

- Removal of central gable dormer;
- Addition of Victorian elements on front;
- Rear addition added in 2017.



Rear Addition

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# Relationship To Surrounding Area

HAC Score: 5/10



Morris house has been relocated to a residential neighbourhood of two and three storey buildings, many with similar architectural features.

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# Heritage Advisory Committee Scoring

Criterion	Maximum Score	HAC's Score
1. Age	25	25
2. Historical Importance	20	15
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	10	0
4. Architectural Merit: Construction Type and Style	20	19
5. Architectural Integrity	15	13
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>77</b>

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# Recommendation

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It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 2500 Creighton Street, Halifax, 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**