

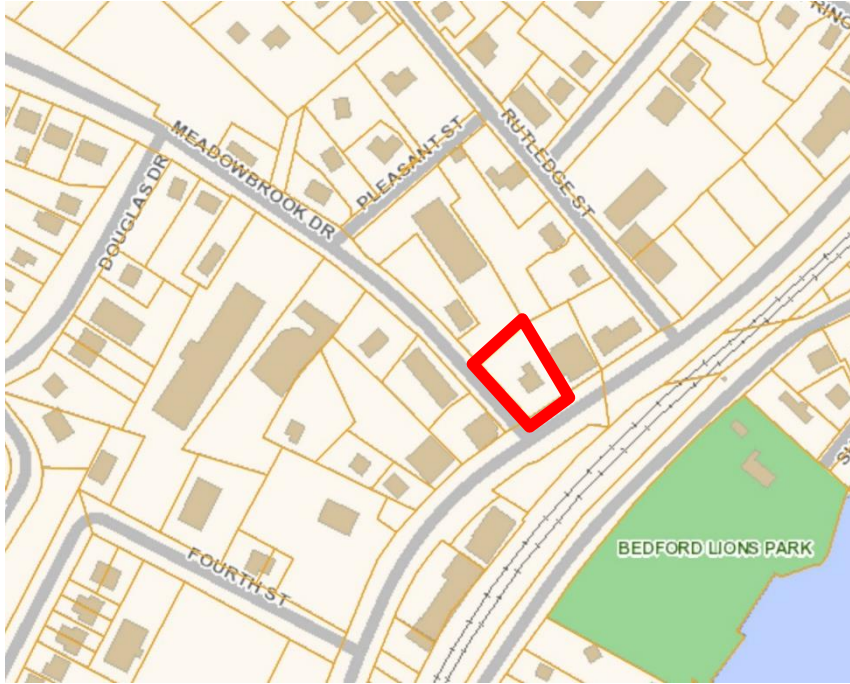
**HALIFAX**

# **H00515 - 1262 Bedford Highway**

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

Heritage Advisory Committee  
September 22, 2021

# Location





# 1. Age



Honeycote (c.1912)

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



## 2. Historical Importance



### Benjamin Wier

- Controversial and successful shipping merchant
- Elected to Halifax Council in 1851 and the Nova Scotia Legislature soon after
- Political mining scandal
- Supported the Confederates during the US Civil War
- Later advocated Canadian Confederation

## 2. Historical Importance



### Archbishop Thomas Louis Connolly

- Priest of St. Mary's Church and later Archbishop of Halifax
- Advocated for Confederation and separate Catholic schools
- Oversaw church / school construction

### DeWolf Family

- Longstanding presence in Bedford – shipping and naval legacy
- Purchased by Harry George & Kate DeWolf in 1921
- Shipping agent and President of T.A.S. DeWolf and Son Ltd.

## 2. Historical Importance



Harry DeWolf

### Vice Admiral Harry DeWolf

- Most well-known child of Harry Sr. & Kate
- One of Canada's most decorated World War II Naval Officers; appointed Vice Admiral due to his service
- Raised in another DeWolf home, Sullivan's House
- Captained the HMCS St. Laurence; help evacuate France
- Saved 859 passengers & crew from the SS Arandora Star
- Later captained the HMCS Haida; led several missions

## 2. Historical Importance

J. E. DeWOLF. E. McLENNAN.  
**T. A. S. DeWOLF & SON,**  
Ship Brokers and General Commission Merchants.  
Representing Anchor, Beaver and Johnston Line Steamships.  
DEALERS IN  
SALT, LIME, CEMENT, PLASTER, LATHS, SHINGLES, &c., &c.  
DeWOLF'S WHARF, HALIFAX, N. S.

Figure 12: Advertisement for T.A.S. DeWolf & Son in the 1899-1900 McAlpine's Halifax City Directory (McAlpine's, 1900)

Locally	Points
Intimately Related	11 - 15
Moderately Related	6 - 10
Loosely Related	1 - 5
No relationship to important occasions, institutions, personages or groups.	0



# 3. Significance of Architect / Builder



Status	Points
Nationally	7 - 10
Provincially Significant	4 - 6
<del>Locally Significant</del>	<del>1 - 3</del>
Not Significant	0

## 4a. Architectural Merit (*Construction*)



- 1.5-storey wood-framed construction; that appears to sit on a masonry foundation
- Exact construction type unknown
- Displays craftsmanship and exterior finishings typically seen in vernacular buildings from this era

## 4a. Architectural Merit (*Construction*)



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



## 4b. Architectural Merit *(Style)*



- Built in the Classical Vernacular style (1830-1880)
- 1.5-storey dwelling has a rectangular plan, wood shingle siding, and classical features
- Character defining elements:
  - *Gable roof with return eaves*
  - *Two hipped dormers with coupled windows*
  - *Window fenestration with 6-over-6 windows*
  - *Enclosed porch with original side doors*
  - *Two brick chimneys, one with clay pot*

## 4b. Architectural Merit (*Style*)



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



# 5. Architectural Integrity



- Dwelling has a good level of integrity
- Some original features, like dormers and chimneys, still exist
- Rear addition, along with southwest gable reno, are the most significant modification
- Other modifications include:
  - *Modern windows installed*
  - *Taller, non-functional shutters installed*
  - *Original side porches removed*

# 5. Architectural Integrity



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

# 6. Relationship to Surrounding Area

## 1) Gypsy (or DeWolf) House

James Edward & Priscilla

## 2) Fitzmaurice's House

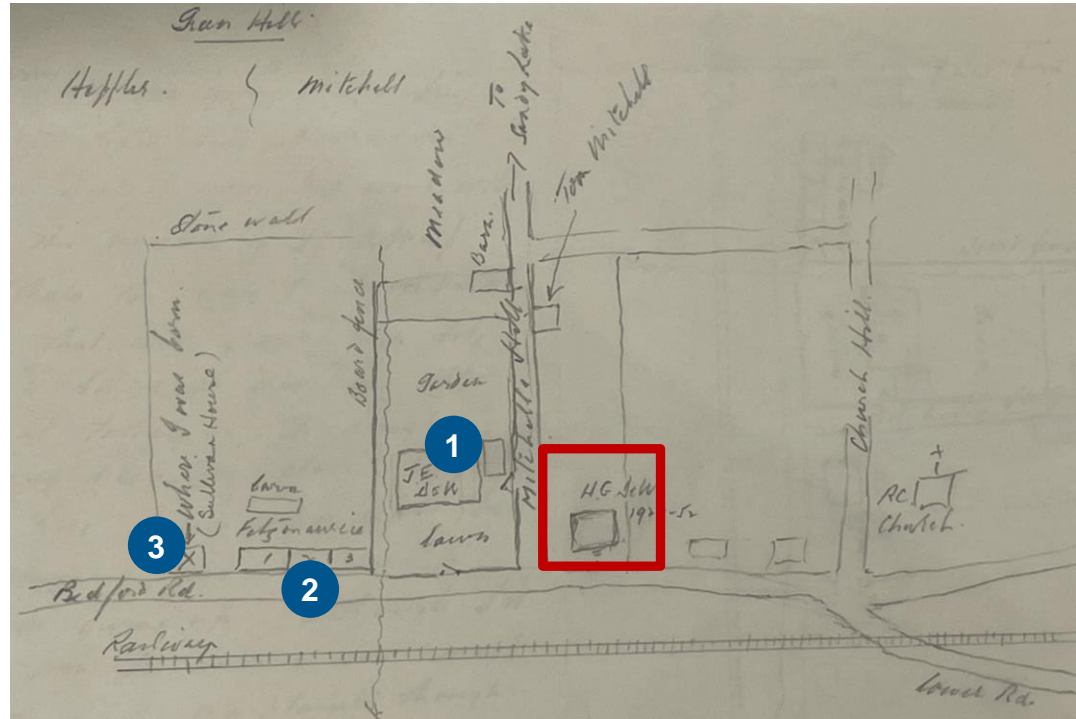
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# 6. Relationship to Surrounding Area

- The surrounding area has lost of its historic buildings to modern development
- The dwelling is one of the oldest in Bedford
- Honeycote, and some nearby streets, partner to illustrate residential development from the mid-to-late 1800s



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

Should 1262 Bedford Highway, Bedford score 50 or more points on evaluation as a heritage property under the HRM heritage property program, the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Regional Council:

1. Set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of the subject property in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality; and
2. Approve the request to include 1262 Bedford Highway, Bedford in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act

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## Thank You

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