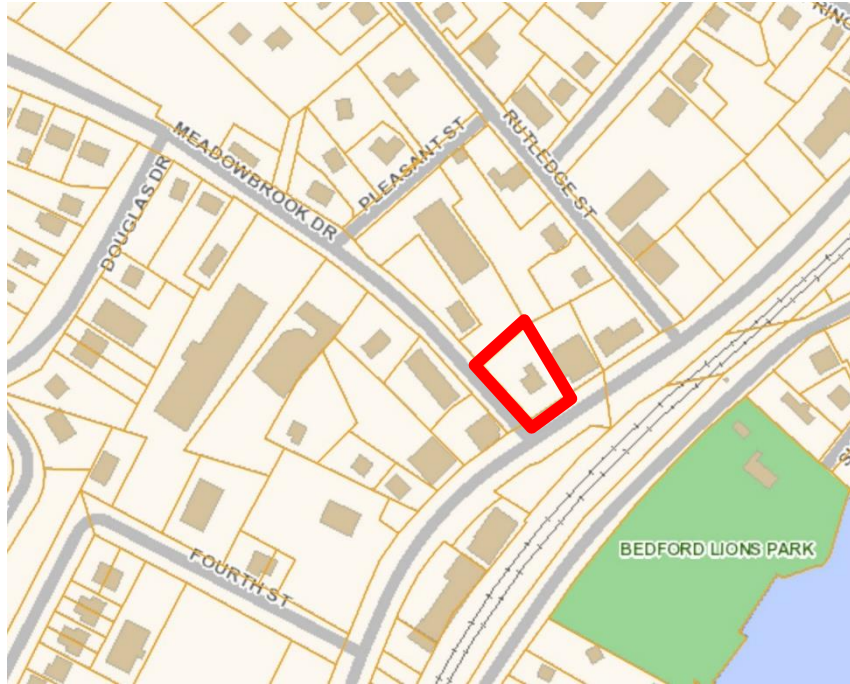# HALIFAX

H00515 - 1262 Bedford Hwy

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

Regional Council
December 14, 2021

Location

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Registration Evaluation Criteria

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
Total	**100**

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1. Age

AF Church Map (1865)

o Originally part of the Mitchell family's 600-acre farmland estate

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2. Historical Importance

Benjamin Wier

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Mitchell Family

o   One of Bedford's largest landowners during the 1800s

Benjamin Wier

o   Very controversial shipping merchant

o   Elected to Halifax Council in 1851 and the Nova Scotia Legislature soon after

o   Political gold mining scandal

o   Supported the Confederates during the US Civil War

o   Later advocated Canadian Confederation

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2. Historical Importance

Thomas Connolly

Archbishop Thomas Connolly

o   Priest of St. Mary's Church and later Archbishop of Halifax

o   Advocated for Confederation and separate Catholic schools

o   Oversaw church / school construction

DeWolf Family

o   Longstanding presence in Bedford – shipping legacy

o   Purchased by Harry George & Kate DeWolf in 1921

o   Shipping agent and President of T.A.S. DeWolf and Son Ltd.

o   Founded in 1818; previously run by James Edward DeWolf

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2. Historical Importance

Harry DeWolf

<u>Vice Admiral Harry DeWolf</u>

o   Most well-known child of Harry Sr. & Kate

o   Raised in another DeWolf home, Sullivan's House

o   One of Canada's most decorated World War II (WWII) Naval Officers; appointed Vice Admiral due to his service

o   Captained the HMCS St. Laurence; help evacuate France

o   Saved 859 passengers & crew from the SS Arandora Star

o   Later captained the HMCS Haida; led several missions

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4a. Architectural Merit *(Construction)*

o   1.5-storey wood-framed construction; appears to sit on a masonry foundation

o   Exact construction type unknown

o   Displays craftsmanship and exterior finishings typically seen in vernacular buildings from this era

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4b. Architectural Merit *(Style)*

o Built in the Classical Vernacular style (1830-1880)

o 1.5-storey dwelling with a rectangular plan, wood shingle siding, and classical features

o 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*

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5. Architectural Integrity

o   Dwelling has a good level of integrity

o   Original appearance and many features, like dormers and chimneys, have been retained

o   Rear addition, along with southwest gable reno, are the most significant modification

o   Other modifications include:
- *Modern windows installed*
- *Taller, non-functional shutters installed*
- *Original side porch entrances removed*

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6. Relationship to Surroundings

HAC Score: 9 / 10

Honeycote
Harry Sr. & Kate

1) Sullivan's House
Vice Admiral's Birthplace

2) Gypsy (or DeWolf) House
James Edward & Priscilla

3) Fitzmaurice's House
James Fitzmaurice

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6. Relationship to Surroundings

HAC Score: 9 / 10

o   The surrounding area has lost most of its historic buildings to modern development

o   The dwelling is one of the oldest in Bedford

o   Some nearby streets have historic homes from the late 1800s; partner with Honeycote to illustrate 19th Century residential development

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Registration Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Max Score	HAC Score
1. Age	25	16
2. Historical or Architectural Importance	20	15
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	10	0
4. Architectural Merit: Construction Type and Style	20	8
5. Architectural Integrity	15	10
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10	9
Total	**100**	**58**

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Recommendation

That Halifax Regional Council 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 of the September 10, 2021 staff report, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

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Thank You

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