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H00549 – 2096 Creighton Street

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

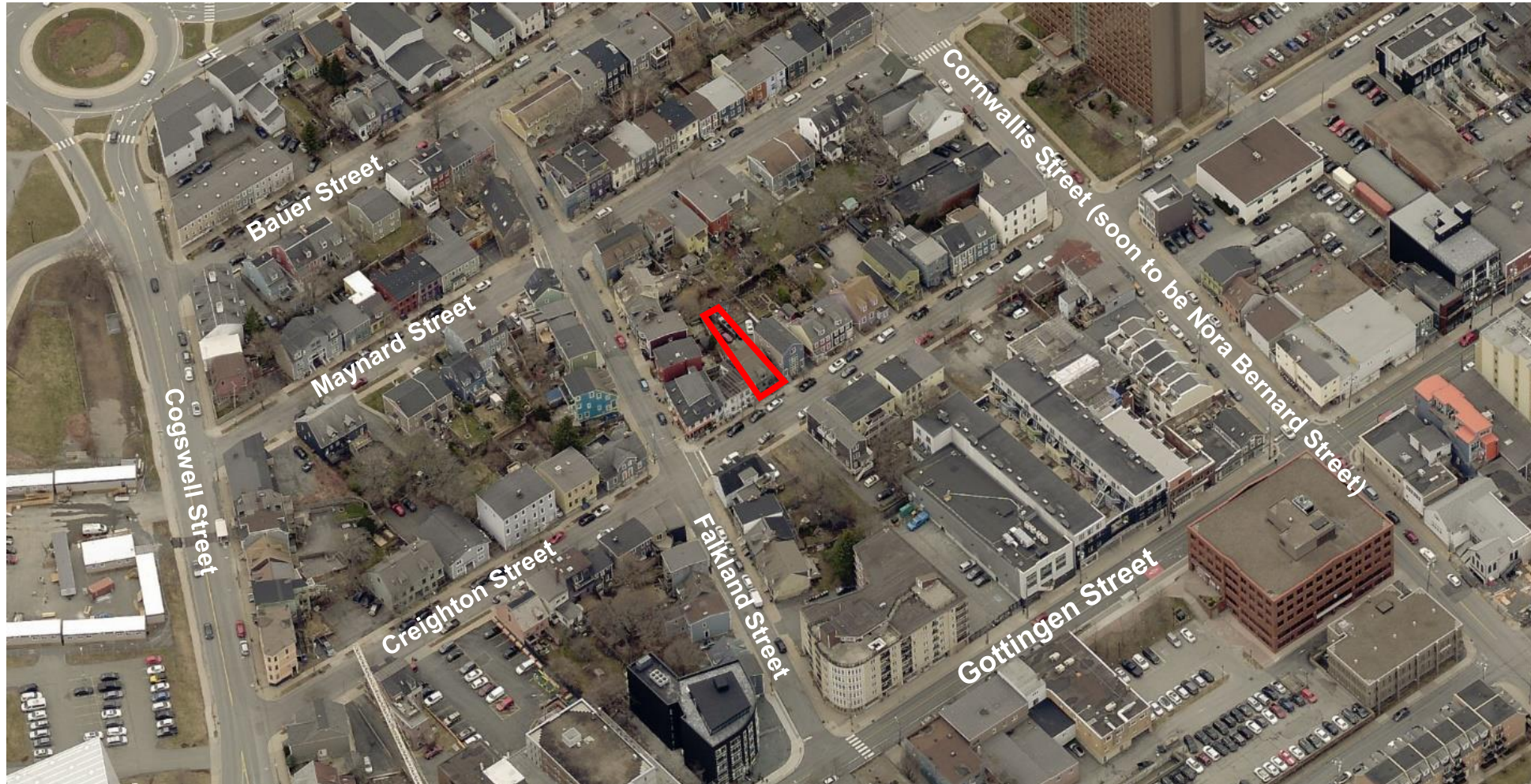
Heritage Advisory Committee
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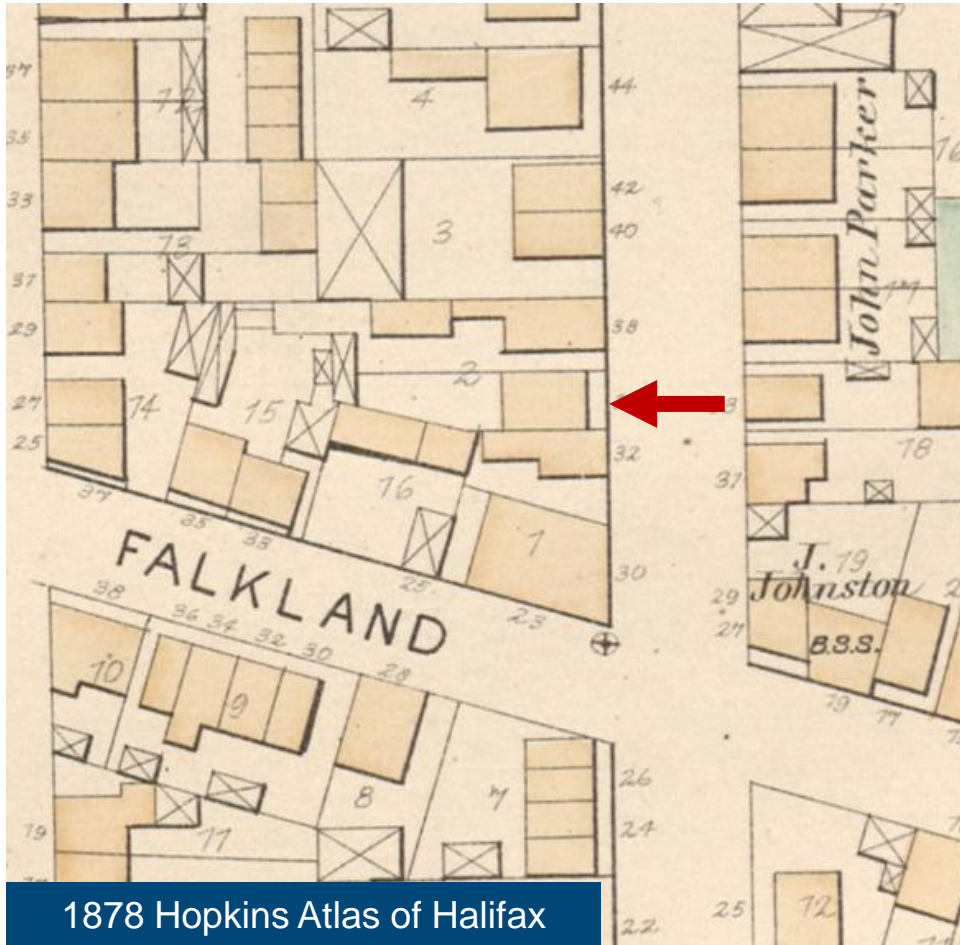


Registration Evaluation Criteria

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

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1. Age



- William John Robertson built two dwellings on Lot #2 of the original Creighton's Field subdivision, 36 and 38 Creighton Street
- Mortgages taken out by the Robertsons clearly indicate the first dwelling being built in 1849 and the second in 1862
- Historic maps and aerials show 38 Creighton Street (the Robertsons' primary dwelling) being substantially larger than 36 Creighton Street (the subject dwelling)
- Thus, the earlier, smaller, 1849 mortgage most likely paid for the construction of the smaller 36 Creighton Street (2096 Creighton Street) dwelling

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1. Age

Date of Construction	Points	Timeline
1749 - 1785	25	Halifax Garrison Town to the Loyalist migration
1786 - 1830	20	Boom period following construction of Shubenacadie Canal
1831 - 1867	16	From Boom to Confederation
1868 - 1899	13	Confederation to the end of the 19 th century
1900 - 1917	9	Turn of the Century to Halifax Harbour Explosion
1918 - 1945	5	The War Years
1945 - Present	3	Post-War

2a. Historical Importance *[Historical Relationships]*



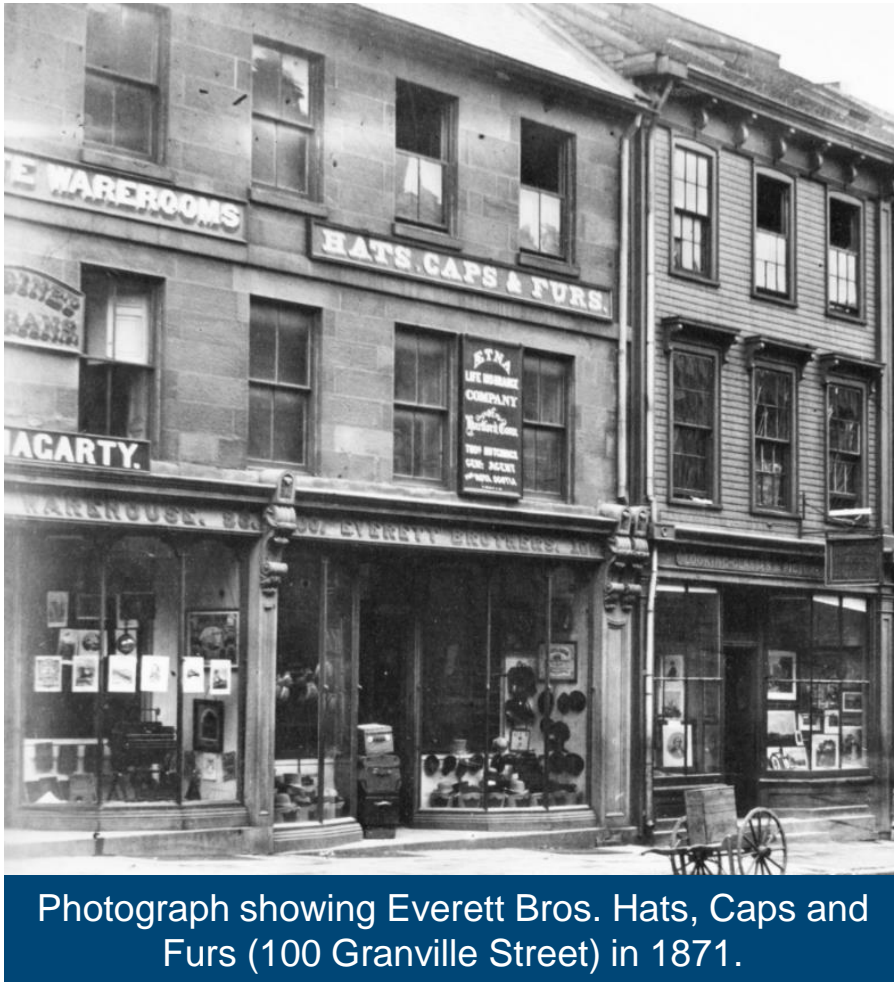
Grave of Wm. J. Robertson in Camp Hill Cemetery

William John Robertson b. ~1816, d. 1890

- Worked as a carpenter, housebuilder, and architect
- He built 36 Creighton Street [subject property] and 38 Creighton Street [since demolished]
- He likely built other homes in the area, though his work is undocumented and predates historic building permits
- He and his wife Eliza were commemorated in an 1885 newspaper article for their golden [50th] wedding anniversary, a rare occurrence for the time
- For most of W. J. Robertson's ownership, the house was a rental property.

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2a. Historical Importance *[Historical Relationships]*



Photograph showing Everett Bros. Hats, Caps and Furs (100 Granville Street) in 1871.

Thomas Edward Everett b. 1832, d. 1919

- One of the first and most notable tenants, residing at 36 Creighton from 1868 to 1871
- One half of Everett Bros. Hats, Caps and Furs, with his brother Henry L. Everett
- Hat retailer and manufacturer located on Hollis St opposite Province House and later at 100 Granville Street
- He commissioned and moved into 5 Bauer Street (now 2013 Bauer Street) in 1872
- His brother left the firm, and it became T. E. Everett & Co.

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2a. Historical Importance *[Historical Relationships]*



Portrait of Hal B. Forbes in his Gottingen Street workshop (2017) and examples of his restoration work.

Hal B. Forbes b. 1955, d. 2018

- Costume studies major at Dal, graduating in 1982.
- Worked up the ranks behind the scenes at the Neptune Theatre
- Restored many homes in Halifax's North End
- Established a heritage carpentry workshop on Gottingen Street
- Worked as Canadian singer Rita MacNeil's costume designer and personal assistant.

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2a. Historical Importance *[Historical Relationships]*

EVERETT BROTHERS,
 MANUFACTURERS & IMPORTERS OF
HATS, CAPS,
 AND
FURS,
TRUNKS, VALISES & HAT CASES,
 WHOLESALE & RETAIL,
100 Granville Street,
HALIFAX, N. S.

SILK HATS made to order by Conformatour Measure.

AGENTS FOR
 Paper Collar Manufactory,
 St. John, N. B.

SILK HAT FACTORY.
EVERETT BROS.,
191 HOLLIS STREET,
Opposite Province Building,
HALIFAX, N. S.,
 Manufacturers and Importers of
ALL KINDS OF HATS, CAPS, & FURS,
 We keep constantly on hand a large assortment of Goods in our line, and being practical HATTERS and FURRIERS ourselves, feel confident that persons giving us a call will find our stock unequalled both for **QUALITY** and **PRICE**.
 Persons wanting SILK HATS, will do well to give us a call as we manufacture them on the premises and
By the use of the Conformatour Measure,
 Make the Hats fit the head with ease and comfort.
ENCOURAGE HOME MANUFACTURE.
WE SELL CHEAP FOR CASH.

T. E. EVERETT & CO.
122 GRANVILLE ST., HALIFAX,
 Manufacturers and Importers of
Hats, Caps and Furs.
 We have the largest and best stock of Hats, Caps and Furs in the City of Halifax.
TRUNKS, VALISES AND UMBRELLAS.
 Silk Hats made to order by Conformatour Measure.

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

Various ads for Everett Bros Hats, Caps and Furs



3. Significance of Architect/Builder



1878 Hopkins Atlas of Halifax showing the two houses W.J. Robertson built.



Plan of North Suburb showing Lot 5 Letter C

- Original architect and builder was William John Robertson
- Restored by Hal B. Forbes

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*]



- Timber frame construction
- Built atop a coursed rubblestone foundation
- Timber frame construction was superseded by balloon frame construction through the mid to late 1800s.

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

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4b. Architectural Merit *[Style]*



- Scottish Vernacular style
- Basic form of a Nova Scotian vernacular “half-house”
- Five-sided, hipped-roof, “Scottish” dormer
- Particularly well-ornamented example with hooded front windows and a grand front entrance

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4b. Architectural Merit *[Style]*

Character-defining elements of 2096 Creighton Street are as listed in the Staff Report, but most notably include:

- Single Scottish (5-sided, hipped roof) dormer with six-over-six, single-hung, wood-frame central window and slender, two-over-two, single-hung, wood-frame flanking windows;
- Front entrance with transom and sidelights, pilasters, and entablature;
- Pair of six-over-six, single-hung, wood-frame front windows with bracketed hood mouldings;

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

5. Architectural Integrity

- Retains its original rectangular layout [the small rear structure is a shed; it shares no walls with the dwelling and is not an addition]
- Almost all character-defining elements remain intact
- Two notable changes:
 - Large, rear shed-dormer with three windows
 - Foundation has been parged with cement



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



Aerial of Creighton Street showing subject property [red] and registered heritage properties [yellow]

- Part of the original subdivision of lands of George A. S. Creighton.
- The subject dwelling is one of the oldest houses in this subdivision, which was subdivided only five years prior to its construction
- Example of middle- and working-class housing characteristic of the historic Creighton's Field subdivision
- Compatible use and scale with surroundings
- Stands out for its high heritage integrity and its particularly ornate expression of the Scottish vernacular style
- Proximity to other registered heritage properties and many contributing [unregistered] heritage properties

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6. Relationship to Surrounding Area



Contributing [unregistered] heritage, opposite
2096 Creighton Street



Subject property [at right] and surrounding [unregistered] contributing
heritage

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 2096 Creighton Street, Halifax 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 2096 Creighton Street, Halifax 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