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H00551 – 1206 Robie Street

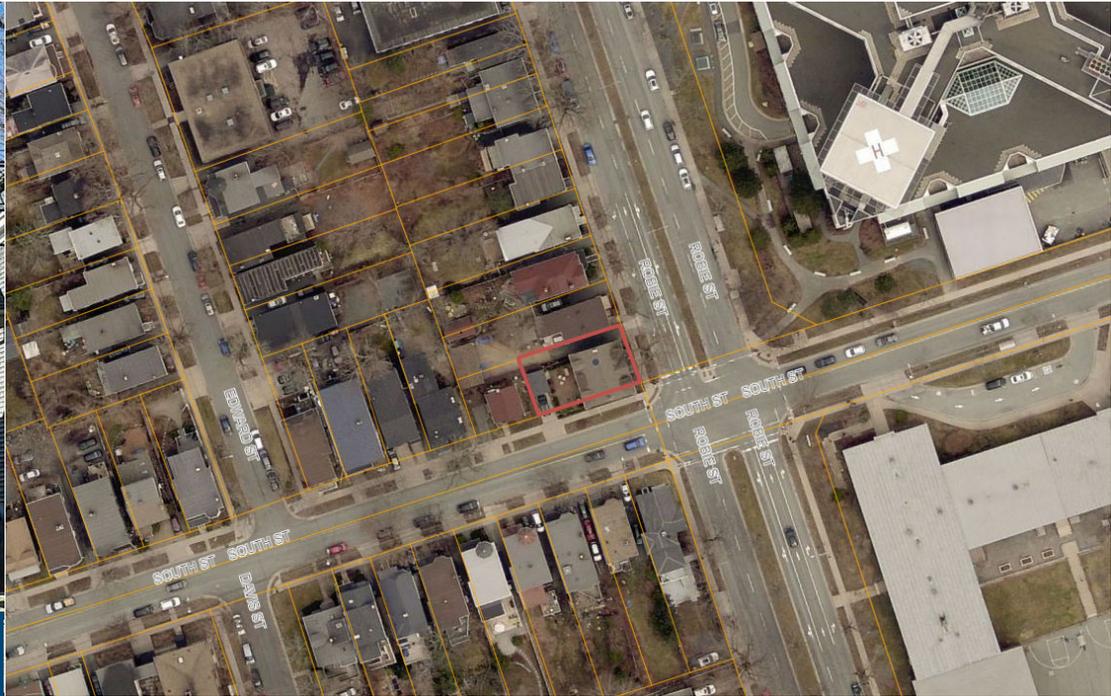
Request to Include Property in the Registry of
Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional
Municipality

Regional Council
11 July 2023

Location



1206 Robie Street
(February 2023)



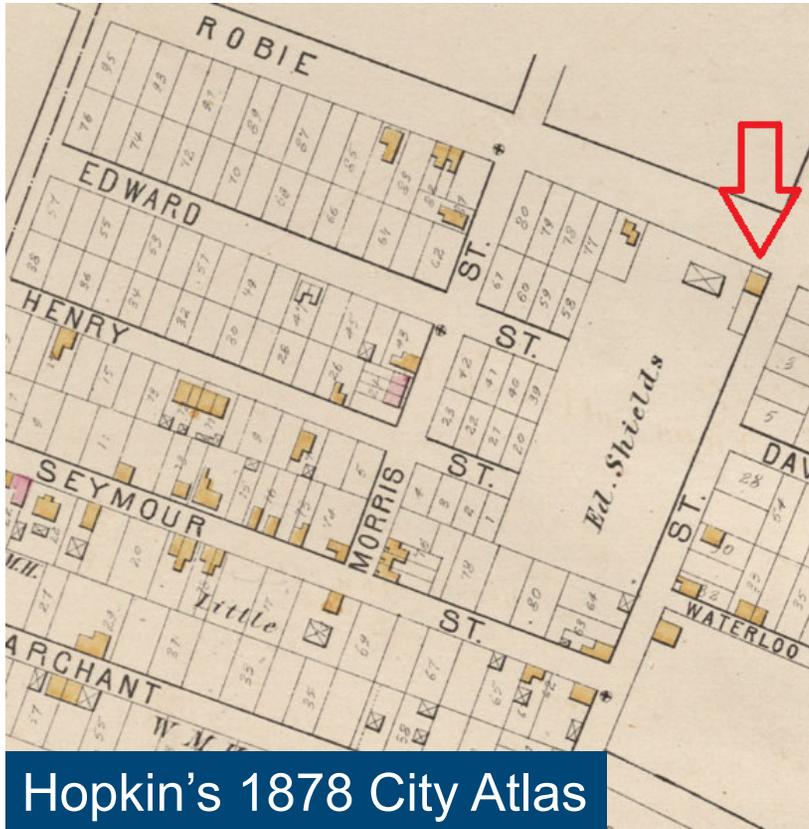
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Registration Evaluation Criteria

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



- Visible by Hopkin's 1878 City Atlas on land formerly owned by Edward Shields
- Built by and for John R. Richardson, master carpenter and builder
- Richardson identified as living at the property by McAlpine's 1875-1876 City Directory
- Other notable tenants include Reverend George Michael Ambrose (1877-1959) of St. Luke's Cathedral
- Subject property built by 1875

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2a. Architectural Importance

- Vernacular 'Gothic cottage' with elements of other popular mid to late 19th century styles
- Example of the vernacular style unique to Halifax with five sided Scottish dormers and storm porch



1206 Robie Street
(February 2023)



A SMALL GOTHIC COTTAGE.

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2a. Architectural Importance



1029 Tower Road
(April 2020)



5283 South Street
(March 2023)



1317 Dresden Row
(February 2023)

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3. Significance of Architect/Builder

- John R. Richardson, builder and master carpenter
- Robert Richardson, father, also a carpenter



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4a. Architectural Merit [*Construction Type*]



- Constructed using timber framing (post-and-beam)
- Rubblestone foundation partially parged with brick with granite sills

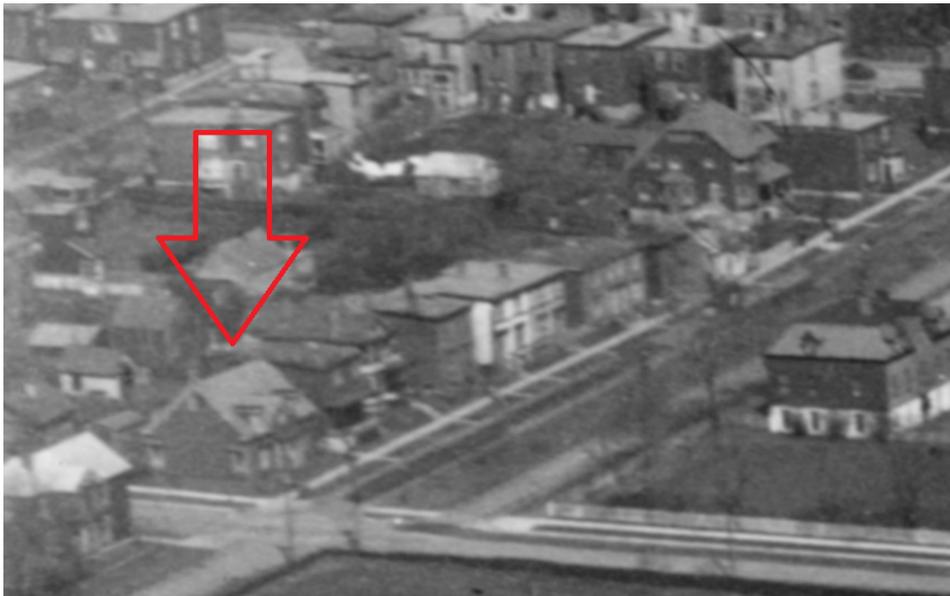
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4b. Architectural Merit *[Style]*

- Character defining elements include, but are not limited to:
 - Vernacular, one-and-a-half storey cottage with rectangular plan;
 - Brick, rubblestone and granite foundation;
 - Centre gable roof on the east elevation with moulded trim, returned eaves and semi-circular four-paned window;
 - Scottish dormers flanking the centre gable with paired brackets and pointed low gable;
 - Storm porch with wood panels, pilasters, brackets, and two-over-two windows; and,
 - Minimal setback from the street.

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5. Architectural Integrity



1206 Robie Street
(1922 Aerial Photo)

- Very minor modifications
- Foundation has been partially faced with brick
- Rear shed dormer
- Exterior door on rear of the building has been replaced

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6. Relationship to Surrounding Area



- Stands out as a landmark in the streetscape
- One of the oldest structures within this block of Robie Street
- Vernacular cottage design unique to this stretch of residential buildings

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Registration Evaluation Criteria – HAC Scoring

Criterion	Maximum Score
1. Age	13
2.[b] Architectural Importance	19
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	3
4. Architectural Merit: [a] Construction Type <u>and</u> [b] Style	9 6
5. Architectural Integrity	13
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	9
Total	72

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Recommendation

That Halifax Regional Council approve the request to 1206 Robie Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as shown on Map 1 of the April 6, 2023, staff report, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

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