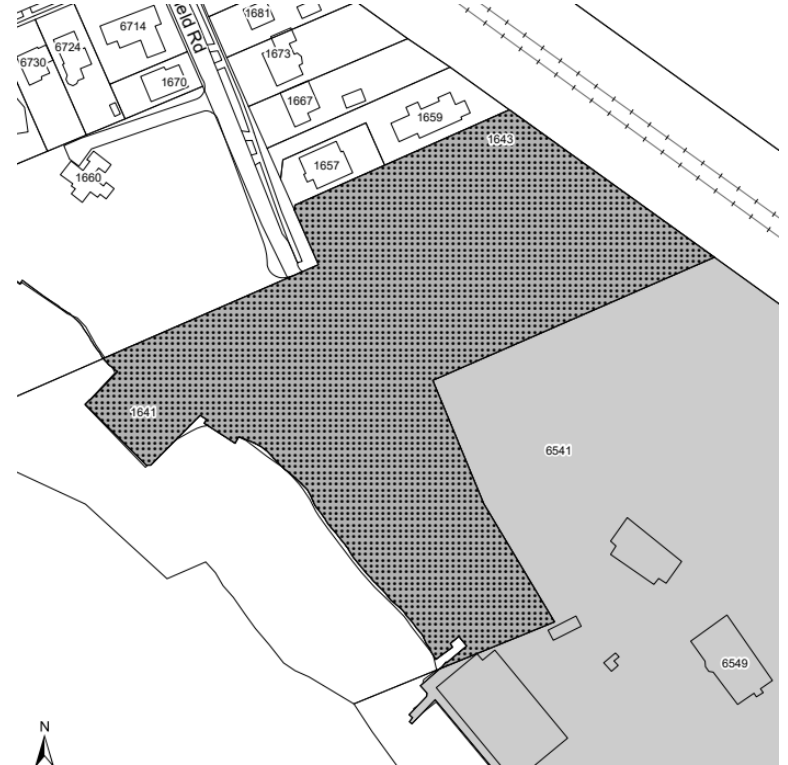


February 27, 2024

# H00531 – 1641 Fairfield Road

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

# Location



# Registration for Evaluation Criteria – Sites

| Criterion   | Maximum Score |
|---|---------------|
| 1. Age of Site <u>or</u> Continuity of Use                                | 25            |
| 2. Historical Importance  | 25            |
| 3. Integrity  | 10            |
| 4.[a] Relationship to Surrounding Area <u>or</u><br>4.[b] Community Value | 10            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>70</b>     |

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# 1. Continuity of Use

- St. Mary's Amateur Athletic and Aquatics Club founded in 1874 by St. Mary's Young Men's Temperance Abstinence and Benevolence Society
- Rowing and aquatics club at Halifax Harbour, moved to Northwest Arm in 1900
- Constructed a boathouse on Henry Pryor's former 'Hillside' estate circa 1919 on south side of Jubilee Road



Henry Pryor's 'Hillside' Estate,  
formerly on south side of Jubilee  
Road

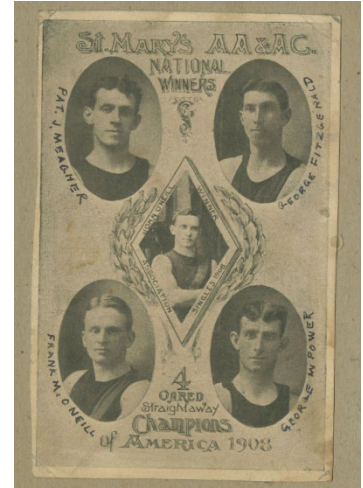
# 1. Continuity of Use

| Continuity of Use | Points |
|-------------------|--------|
| 100+ Years        | 20-25  |
| 75-99 Years       | 15-19  |
| 50-74 Years       | 10-14  |

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## 2. Historical Importance – St. Mary's AA&AC

- Formed in 1874
- First rowing club to introduce the four-oared shell
- John O'Neill of St. Mary's won the Champion of America Single Scull at the National Championship Regatta, one of few Canadians to win



St. Mary's  
AA&AC

## 2. Historical Importance – Halifax Rowing



Boaters with St. Mary's  
Boat Club in the  
background, ca. 1910

- Connection to Halifax's history of competitive and leisure rowing
- Amateur scull races on Northwest Arm began in 1876
- Led to the construction of several rowing clubs:
  - Northwest Arm Rowing Club (1901)
  - Jubilee Boat Club (1908)
  - Waegwoltic Boat Club (1908)
  - St. Mary's Boat Club (circa 1920)
  - Banook Canoe Club (1903)
  - Mic Mac AAC (1923)

## 2. Historical Importance – CDEs

The character defining elements of 1641 Fairfield Road include, but are not limited to:

- Two-storey, wood clad boat club with Colonial Revival influences, including arched roof with returned eaves and diagonal cross balustrades;
- Lawn bowling and tennis court facilities;
- Tree canopy in groupings on slopes and along the south property line; and,
- View of the Northwest Arm and Dingle Tower.



St. Mary's Boat Club (March 2023)



# 2. Historical Importance

| Nationally         | Points |
|--------------------|--------|
| Intimately Related | 20-25  |
| Moderately Related | 15-20  |
| Loosely Related    | 10-15  |

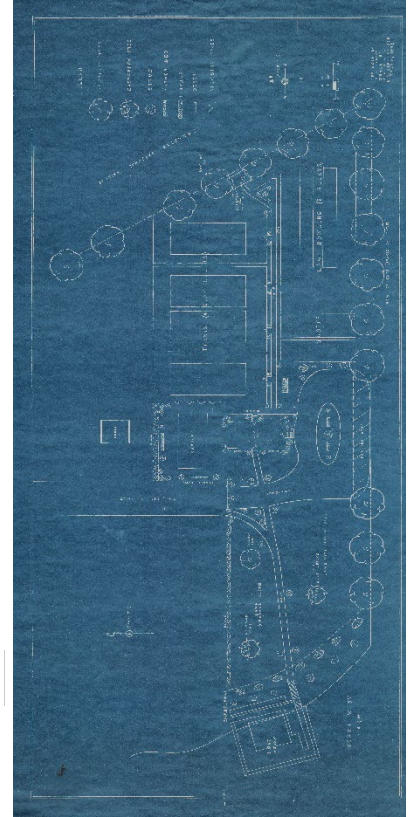
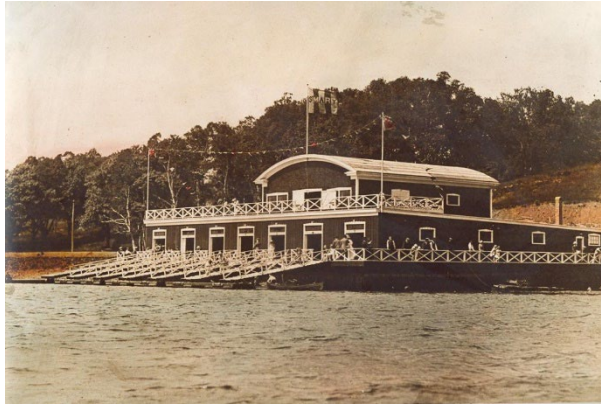
  

| Provincially       | Points |
|--------------------|--------|
| Intimately Related | 15-20  |
| Moderately Related | 10-15  |
| Loosely Related    | 5-10   |

| Locally            | Points |
|--------------------|--------|
| Intimately Related | 10-15  |
| Moderately Related | 5-10   |
| Loosely Related    | 0-5    |

# 3. Integrity

- Original form remains, including distinctive arched roof
- Original club house demolished
- Of the 1940s expansion, tennis courts and lawn bowling remain



# 3. Integrity

| Comments   | Points |
|--|--------|
| Largely intact with presence of original features or structures    | 6-10   |
| Moderately intact with vestiges of original features or structures | 1-5    |

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# 4a. Context

## *[Relationship to Surrounding Area]*



View of Waegwoltic Boat Club and  
Dingle Tower from St. Mary's Boat Club  
(March 2023)

- Historical, physical, and visual associations with Waegwoltic Club on Coburg Road, and Northwest Arm
- St. Mary's is only one of two remaining boat clubs
- Physical representation of Halifax's rowing and recreational history

# 4a. Context

## *[Relationship to Surrounding Area]*

| Comments  | Points |
|---|--------|
| The site is an important asset contributing to the heritage character of the surrounding area | 6-10   |
| The site is compatible with the surrounding area and maintains its heritage character         | 1-5    |

# Recommendation

Should 1641 Fairfield Road, Halifax score 35 or more points on evaluation as a heritage site 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 1641 Fairfield Road, 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**