

## **Case H00501:**

Collaboration with Universities to Consider Heritage Buildings  
on Campuses

# Background

- **January 2019** - Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee (CPED) and Regional Council discussed protections for potential heritage properties in downtown Halifax
- **May 2019** - Staff were directed examine impacts of registering notable buildings owned and operated by local educational institutions



# Staff Report (*September 2022*)

- Summarized local institutions, their notable buildings, and HRM heritage & institutional policies.
- Identified institutional buildings that could be considered for registration:
  - *Priority Buildings & Additional Buildings*
- Regional Council initiated a process to research and evaluate all buildings for their inclusion in HRM's Municipal Registry of Heritage Property

Institution	Buildings (Case H00501)
Dalhousie University	37
University of King's College	4
Atlantic School of Theology	2
St. Mary's University	1

# Staff Report (*September 2022*)

- Council directed staff to follow the standard heritage registration process, plus include additional considerations:
  - *Collaboration with universities;*
  - *Consideration of long-term heritage preservation goals; and*
  - *Balancing the need for future university growth*



Shirreff Hall (c.1924)



Forrest Building (1890)

Source: Nova Scotia Archives

# Evaluation Criteria - Buildings

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: Construction Type <u>and</u> Style	20
5. Architectural Integrity	15
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

# Info Report *(March 2025)*

- Heritage Team engaged Stantec Consulting Ltd.
- Stantec researched the heritage value of each university-owned building
- March 2025 information report to Regional Council made research findings public





# Status Update - Dalhousie

- Staff met with representatives of Dalhousie University, University of King's College, the Atlantic School of Theology, and St. Mary's University in 2025 regarding Council's motion
- Staff provided information on the registration process and the project's approach, and kept the universities aware of the project's advancement
- Dalhousie University requested clarity on which of their 37 buildings are likely or unlikely to be candidates for the Registry of Heritage Property



# Status Update - Dalhousie

- Due to the number of Dalhousie's impacted buildings, staff want to streamline the project and focus only on buildings with high registration potential
- Staff reviewed Stantec's research reports to identify the registration potential of each Dalhousie-owned building
- Staff's review resulted in two lists: buildings with high potential for registration and buildings with low potential for registration





# High Potential for Registration

Property	Age	a. Relationships OR b. Architectural Style	Significance of Architect	a. Construction Type AND b. Style	Integrity	Relationship to Surrounding Area	Scoring Range (/100)
5869 University Avenue <sup>xx</sup> <i>Forrest Building</i>	13	b. 16-20	7-10	7-10 and 7-10	6-10	6-10	<b>62-83</b>
5247 Morris Street	16	b. 16-20	0	1-3 and 7-10	11-15	6-10	<b>57-74</b>
1321-1325 Edward Street	13	b. 16-20	1-3	4-6 and 7-10	6-10	6-10	<b>53-72</b>
6385 South Street <sup>*</sup> <i>Shirreff Hall</i>	5	b. 16-20	7-10	4-6 and 4-6	11-15	6-10	<b>53-72</b>
1308 Robie Street	13	b. 16-20	0	4-6 and 4-6	11-15	6-10	<b>54-70</b>
6316 Coburg Road <i>Provincial Archives Building</i>	5	b. 16-20	4-6	1-3 and 7-10	11-15	6-10	<b>50-69</b>
1318 Robie Street <sup>••</sup>	13	b. 11-15	0	7-10 and 4-6	11-15	6-10	<b>52-69</b>
6299 South Street <sup>*</sup> <i>Henry Hicks Building</i>	3	b. 11-15	7-10	4-6 and 7-10	11-15	6-10	<b>49-69</b>
1312 Robie Street <sup>••</sup>	13	b. 11-15	1-3	4-6 and 4-6	11-15	6-10	<b>50-68</b>
6274 Coburg Road <sup>*</sup> <i>Science Building</i>	9	b. 11-15	7-10	1-3 and 7-10	6-10	6-10	<b>47-67</b>
6300 Coburg Road <sup>*</sup> <i>MacDonald Memorial Library</i>	9	a. 11-15	7-10	1-3 and 7-10	6-10	6-10	<b>47-67</b>
6226 University Avenue <sup>*</sup> <i>Studley Gymnasium</i>	5	a. 11-15	7-10	4-6 and 4-6	11-15	6-10	<b>48-67</b>
6259 South Street <sup>*</sup> <i>Arts Building</i>	5	a. 11-15	7-10	1-3 and 7-10	6-10	6-10	<b>43-63</b>

Property	Age	a. Relationships OR b. Architectural Style	Significance of Architect	a. Construction Type AND b. Style	Integrity	Relationship to Surrounding Area	Scoring Range (/100)
5410 Spring Garden Road <i>Nova Scotia Technical College</i>	9	a. 11-15	4-6	1-3 and 7-10	6-10	6-10	<b>44-63</b>
5273 Dacosta Row <sup>xxx</sup> <i>Mechanical Engineering Department Building</i>	9	a. 11-15	4-6	4-6 and 4-6	6-10	6-10	<b>44-62</b>
5968 University Avenue <sup>xx</sup> <i>Medical Science Building</i>	5	b. 11-15	7-10	4-6 and 4-6	6-10	6-10	<b>43-62</b>
5263 Dacosta Row <sup>xxx</sup> <i>Sexton House</i>	9	a. 11-15	4-6	1-3 and 1-3	11-15	6-10	<b>43-61</b>
5231 Morris Street <sup>xxx</sup> <i>Graduate Student Residence</i>	9	a. 11-15	0	4-6 and 4-6	11-15	6-10	<b>45-61</b>
5981 University Avenue <sup>xx</sup> <i>Dalhousie College Annex</i>	3	a. 16-20	4-6	4-6 and 4-6	6-10	6-10	<b>43-61</b>
6230 South Street	13	a. 11-15	0	1-3 and 1-3	11-15	6-10	<b>43-59</b>
6206 University Avenue <sup>•</sup>	9	a. 11-15	0	4-6 and 4-6	11-15	1-5	<b>40-56</b>
6220 University Avenue <sup>•</sup>	9	a. 11-15	0	4-6 and 4-6	11-15	1-5	<b>40-56</b>

# Low Potential for Registration

Property	Age	a. Relationships OR b. Architectural Style	Significance of Architect	a. Construction Type AND b. Style	Integrity	Relationship to Surrounding Area	Scoring Range (/100)
5849 University Avenue <sup>xx</sup> <i>Public House Clinic</i>	5	a. 6-10	7-10	1-3 and 4-6	6-10	6-10	<b>35-54</b>
1435 Seymour Street	9	b. 11-15	0	1-3 and 4-6	11-15	1-5	<b>37-53</b>
1400-1410 Henry Street	9	b. 11-15	0	1-3 and 4-6	6-10	6-10	<b>37-53</b>
1416 Henry Street	9	b. 11-15	0	1-3 and 4-6	6-10	6-10	<b>37-53</b>
1424 Henry Street	9	b. 11-15	0	1-3 and 1-3	6-10	6-10	<b>34-50</b>
1443 Seymour Street	5	a. 11-15	0	4-6 and 1-3	11-15	1-5	<b>33-49</b>
6214 University Avenue •	5	a. 11-15	1-3	0 and 1-3	11-15	1-5	<b>30-46</b>
6414 Coburg Road	5	b. 11-15	0	1-3 and 1-3	11-15	1-5	<b>30-46</b>
6420 Coburg Road	5	b. 11-15	0	1-3 and 1-3	11-15	1-5	<b>30-46</b>
5291 Dacosta Row <sup>xxx</sup> <i>GH Murray Building</i>	5	a. 11-15	4-6	1-3 and 4-6	1-5	1-5	<b>27-45</b>
1400 LeMarchant Street	5	a. 6-10	1-3	1-3 and 1-3	11-15	1-5	<b>26-44</b>
1376 LeMarchant Street <sup>x</sup>	5	a. 6-10	0	1-3 and 1-3	11-15	1-5	<b>25-41</b>
1390 LeMarchant Street	5	a. 6-10	0	1-3 and 1-3	11-15	1-5	<b>25-41</b>
1252 LeMarchant Street	9	a. 6-10	0	1-3 and 1-3	6-10	1-5	<b>24-40</b>
1434-1444 Henry Street	5	b. 1-10	1-3	0 and 0	11-15	1-5	<b>19-38</b>

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# Discussion

- Staff recommend processing the Dalhousie-owned buildings in Attachment A (**high potential**) using a phased approach
  - *Will return to HAC for formal scoring in 2026-2027*
- Staff recommend taking no further action on the Dalhousie-owned buildings listed in Attachment B (**low potential**)
- This report has no impact on the Case H00501 buildings that are owned by the University of King's College, the Atlantic School of Theology, and St. Mary's University



# Recommendation

It is recommended that Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council direct the CAO to:

- 1) Continue the heritage registration evaluation process for the Dalhousie University-owned buildings listed on Attachment A, in accordance with the process initiated by Regional Council on September 29, 2022; and
- 2) Discontinue consideration of the Dalhousie University-owned buildings listed on Attachment B for heritage registration.

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**Thank you**

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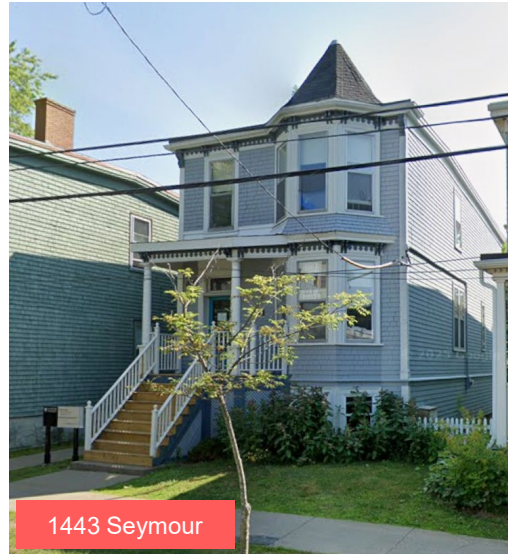


1400-1410 Henry



1416 Henry

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