

HRTG-2025-02438: 2636 Windsor Street, Halifax

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

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 |
| Total | 100 |

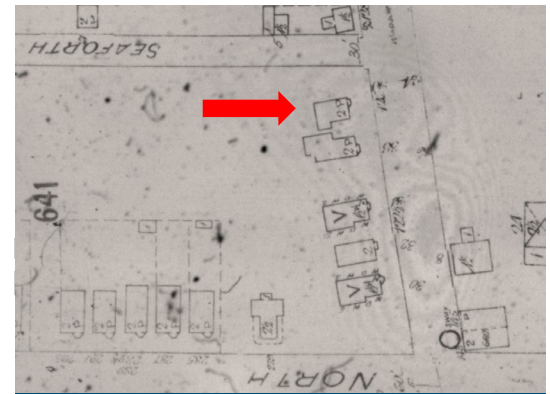
1. Age

The construction date is 1899

- Part of the land owned by John Murphy
- Robert S. Rosborough and Walter M. Thomas subdivided the land in 1896
- Constructed 20 houses on Windsor Street in 1898
- Listed as an occupied house in the 1898-1899 City Directory



1896 Survey of Murphy's Field



1911 Fire Insurance Map

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

Charles Rosborough (1867-1936), Carpenter

- Brother to Robert Rosborough, who co-owned the firm that built the house
- Active member of Halifax Carpenters' Union
- Participated in minstrel shows

Given Charles Rosborough's problematic background, he is not factored into the staff's scoring recommendation, nor will the subject property be named after him if it is successfully registered by the Regional Council.

2a. Historical Importance

Mary Walsh (1892-unknown), Chartered Accountant

- Started as a stenographer with Robert Carter and transitioned to an accountant role by 1921
- Passed the chartered accountant exam in the 1920s
- Relocated to New Brunswick in 1932. Carol Loughrey was the first woman to pass the chartered accountant exam in New Brunswick (1972)
- Early and successful female accountant in Atlantic Canada

AUDIT STARTS
SYDNEY, Sept. 14.—The annual audit of the city books was begun on Thursday morning by R. A. Carter, C. A. of Halifax. He will be assisted in the work by Miss Mary Walsh.

MISS Mary Walsh, assistant to Robert Carter, chartered accountant, has gone to Sydney to make the annual audit of the books of that city. Mr. Carter is leaving this week.

1928 and 1929 newspaper clippings show Mary's business activities

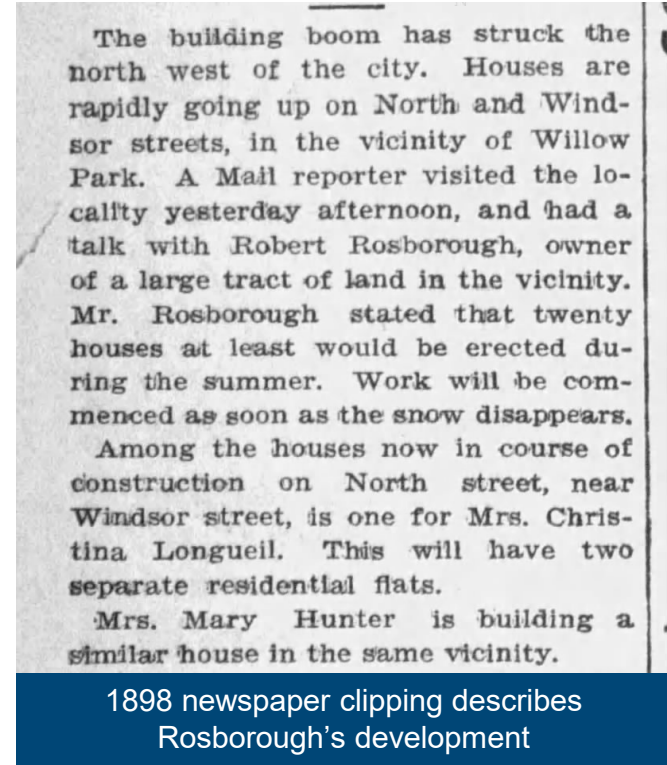
2a. Historical Importance

| Relationship to Important Occasions, Institutions, Personages or Groups | Points |
|---|----------------|
| Nationally: Intimately Related | 16 - 20 |
| Nationally: Moderately Related | 11 - 15 |
| Nationally: Loosely Related | 1 - 10 |
| Provincially: Intimately Related | 11 - 15 |
| Provincially: Moderately Related | 6 - 10 |
| Provincially: Loosely Related | 1 - 5 |
| Locally: Intimately Related | 11 - 15 |
| Locally: Moderately Related | 6 - 10 |
| Locally: Loosely Related | 1 - 5 |

3. Significance of Architect / Builder

Architect / Builder Unknown.

- Robert S. Rosborough and Walter M. Thomas commissioned the property
- Rosborough & Thomas developed the area bounded by Windsor, North, and Almon streets
- Their only residential project



3. Significance of Architect / Builder

| Status | Points |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Nationally | 7 - 10 |
| Provincially Significant | 4 - 6 |
| Locally Significant | 1 - 3 |
| Not Significant | 0 |



4a. Architectural Merit *[Construction]*

- Brick and stone foundation
- Balloon frame construction
- Wood siding



Interior foundation and framing

4a. Architectural Merit *[Construction]*

| A) Construction Type | Points |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Vert rare / early example | 7 - 10 |
| Moderately rare / early example | 4 - 6 |
| Somewhat rare / early example | 1 - 3 |
| Not rare / common example | 0 |

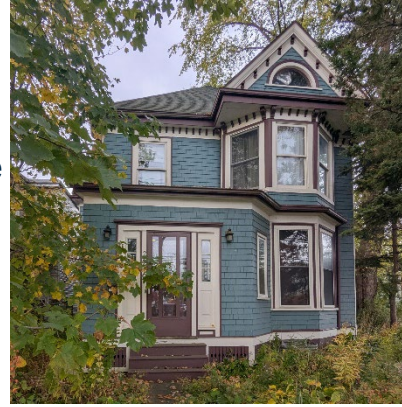
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4b. Architectural Merit *[Style]*

Example of the Queen Ann Revival Style

Character-defining elements (CDEs) are as listed in the staff report, but most notably include:

- A hipped gable roof with cross gables;
- Two-and-a-half-storey east-facing bay;
- Two-and-a-half-storey north-facing square bay;
- Flat wooden double-hung windows;
- The roof, shape, and trimmed cornice of the enclosed porch;
- The cornice line throughout the building; and
- Wooden shingle siding.



4b. Architectural Merit *[Style]*

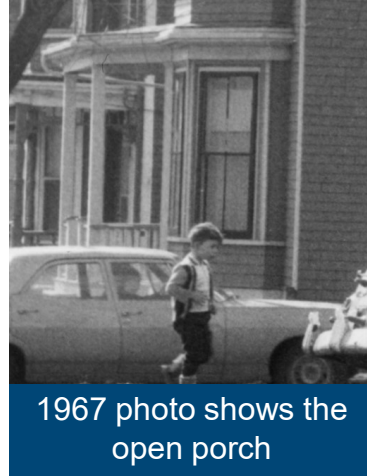
| B) Style | Points |
|--|--------------|
| Very rare / early example | 7 - 10 |
| Moderately rare / early example | 4 - 6 |
| Somewhat rare / early example | 1 - 3 |
| Not rare / common example | 3 |

5. Architectural Integrity

Early style conversion became a CDE over time

Some alterations impact the home's integrity

- Closure of the front porch
- Large rear addition and deck
- Removal of the north-east corner chimney
- Window replacement
- Dormer window enlarged
- Addition of a skylight
- Parged foundation

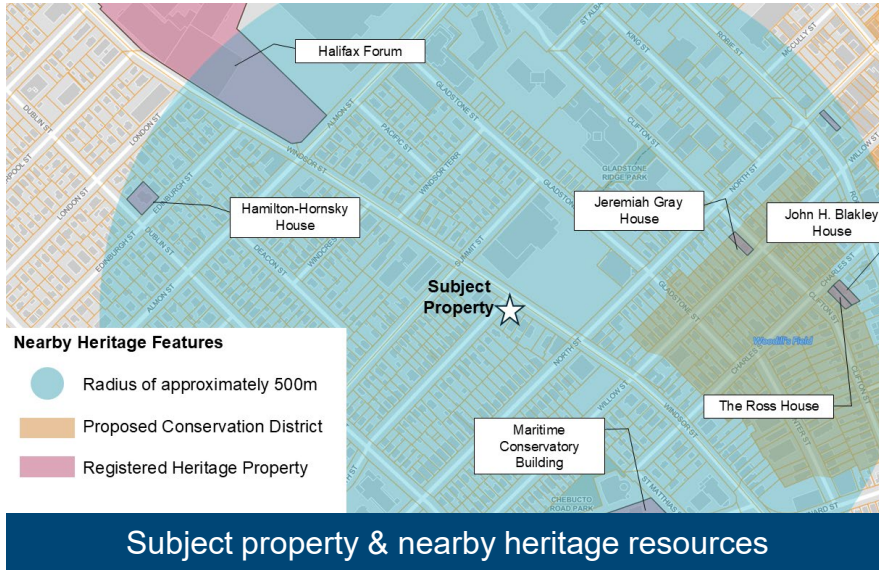


5. Architectural Integrity

| Exterior change | 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



- Late-Victorian neighbourhood with two-storey Halifax-Box style houses developed by Rosborough & Thomas
- Reflects the area's early built heritage
- Key aspect of the streetscape due to its corner placement, slightly taller height, and distinct style
- In proximity to the proposed Woodill's Field Heritage Conservation District and some heritage resources

6. Relationship to Surrounding Area

| Relationship to Surrounding Area | Points |
|---|--------|
| The building is an important architectural asset contributing to the heritage character of the surrounding area | 6 - 10 |
| The architecture is compatible with the surrounding area and maintains its heritage character | 1 - 5 |
| Does not contribute to the character of the surrounding area | 0 |

Recommendation

Should 2636 Windsor Street score 50 or more points on evaluation as a heritage property under the HRM Heritage Property Program, the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) 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 2636 Windsor Street, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated February 23, 2026, as a municipal heritage property under the *Heritage Property Act*.

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Thank you