



BYLAW 18-25 – REPEAL BYLAW 06-22 – STOCKTON BLOCK, MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE DESIGNATION

Purpose

The purpose of Bylaw 18-25 is to repeal Stockton Block, Municipal Historic Resource Designation Bylaw 06-22 for the purposes of removing the designation from the adjacent property.

Readings

This Bylaw is ready for three readings.

That the notice of intent to designate the Stockton Block as a Historic Resource be received as information.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

Bylaw 06-22, the Stockton Block, Municipal Historic Resource Designation Bylaw, was adopted by Council on February 14, 2022 in order to protect the historic Stockton Block building as a municipal historic resource under the direction of the Municipal Heritage Designation Program. The Bylaw specifically directs the protection of the building itself and not the surrounding site, which has been significantly modified over the course of time.

In order to be registered on the parcel containing Stockton Block (14 McRae Street), Bylaw 06-22 specified the legal description of the land at the time of adoption. In 2023, a subdivision was undertaken to adjust the boundary between 10 and 14 McRae Street in order to allow for greater development opportunity on 10 McRae Street. Previously the property line extended well into the parking lot developed on 10 McRae Street, creating an impractical boundary between the two parcels. This registration of the subdivision resulted in Bylaw 06-22 being registered on both 10 and 14 McRae Street.

Under section 26 the *Historical Resources Act*, the only means to discharge a municipal historic resource designation bylaw, even partially, from a property is to repeal the bylaw and submit the repealing bylaw to Land Titles. Given that that 10 McRae Street has now been sold, the Town is obligated to remove Bylaw 06-22 from the property title.

By repealing the bylaw, it can be fully discharged from both titles. However, in order to register a revised municipal historic designation bylaw on the current Stockton Block property, a new 60-day notification of the intent to designate the lands as a municipal historic resource must be provided in accordance with the *Historical Resources Act*.

This report serves as the notice of the intent to designate the Stockton Block property as a municipal historical resource under the *Historical Resources Act* and will ensure there is no loss of historical status of the property and it will remain in the provincial registry. If Council repeals Bylaw 06-22, a new bylaw will be brought forward to Council for consideration after the 60-day notice period is complete at the July 21, 2025 Council meeting.

Strategic Plan Goals

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Responsibly Managed Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> | Demonstrated Environmental Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Strong Local Economy | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Organizational Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> | Enhanced Culture & Community Health |

Community Engagement Strategy

n/a

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

CAO Comments

I support this housekeeping amendment to ensure legal compliance. There is no intent to remove the historical resource, just an intent to put it on the new legal parcel description.

Attachment(s)

1. Draft Bylaw 18-25 Repeal Bylaw 06-22 Stockton Block, Municipal Historic Resource Designation
2. Bylaw 06-22 Stockton Block, Municipal Historic Resource Designation

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