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Official Community Plan Land Use Designation

The Official Community Plan (OCP) designation for this site is *Residential: Detached and Semi-Detached* which allows low density residential, primarily in the form of single detached dwellings with secondary suites, duplexes, and accessory dwelling units (e.g. laneway house, carriage house). Complementary uses include home based businesses, small scale local commercial uses (e.g. corner stores), small scale institutional uses (e.g. child care, care facilities, places of worship), utilities, transportation corridors, parks, open space, and community facilities. The OCP also indicates that, through a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA), a property may be eligible for incentives such as a smaller minimum lot size, an increase in density, or reduced parking requirements, which would make it viable to conserve assets with heritage merit. The proposed application is consistent with the OCP designation for this site.

Zoning Bylaw

The existing zoning for the site is RS-4 Queen's Park Single Detached Dwelling District. The intent of this district is to allow single detached dwellings with secondary suites and a laneway or carriage house. In this zone, the maximum floor space ratio (FSR) for houses which are protected under the Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area is 0.7 and houses not protected under the Heritage Conservation Area is 0.5. As described in the report, the proposed application would require zoning relaxations. As such, a Heritage Revitalization Agreement would be required to permit the proposal.

Family Friendly Housing Policy

The purpose of the Family Friendly Housing Policy, which typically applies to multi-unit buildings, is to increase the supply of two and three bedroom units available in the city. The policy also includes design guidelines for bedrooms. Though the policy does not apply to small-scale projects (less than ten units), the intent of the policy has been applied to and fulfilled by this application.

Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area

The subject property is protected under the Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area. The proposed Heritage Designation and Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) would provide a high level of protection, design control, and development regulations which exceed those of the Conservation Area. The additional protection and sensitive infill proposed is overall consistent with the goals of the Heritage Conservation Area. The proposed application is also consistent with the area's design guidelines.

Heritage Revitalization Agreement

A Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) is a negotiated agreement between the City and a property owner for the purposes of heritage conservation. In exchange for long term legal protection through a Heritage Designation Bylaw and exterior restoration, certain zoning relaxations are considered. An HRA does not change the zoning of the property, rather it adds a new layer which identifies the elements of the zone that are being varied or supplemented. An HRA is not legally precedent setting as each one is unique to a specific site.

When Council considers entering into an HRA with a property owner, one of the objectives is to balance the benefits to the property owner with the benefits to the public. In this proposal, the heritage benefit to the community is restoration, continued historic use and the full legal protection of the heritage building through a Heritage Designation Bylaw. In the City's *Policy for the Use of Heritage Revitalization Agreements*, lot size, density, and siting or massing elements may be considered for relaxation. The application is consistent with the Policy for the Use of HRAs.

The Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada

Council endorsed *The Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* in 2008 as a basis for assessing heritage conservation projects within the city. These are national guidelines for best practice in heritage restoration, rehabilitation, and design. The goal of the Standards and Guidelines is to promote heritage conservation best practice while ensuring respectful and sensitive new construction. The application has been evaluated against these guidelines.

Heritage Designation

A Heritage Designation Bylaw is a form of land use regulation that places long-term legal protection on the land title of a property. Any changes to a protected heritage property must first receive approval from City Council (or its delegate) through a Heritage Alteration Permit (HAP). Future development is no longer entitled, but could be permitted by Council with an HAP.

Heritage Register

The Heritage Register is an official list of properties with heritage value which have been identified by the City. Applications for changes to our demolition of properties listed on the Heritage Register are generally reviewed by staff and may be referred to the Community Heritage Commission. A fulsome Heritage Register demonstrates and promotes a City's heritage program and assets.