## Cultural Heritage Value or Interest Evaluation

Ontario Regulation 9/06 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* establishes the criteria for determining Cultural Heritage Value of Heritage Resources. A property must have the potential to meet at least two of the criteria to be considered to have heritage significance. These criteria fall into three categories: design or physical value, historical or associative value and contextual value. The following table considers and evaluates the subject property against these criteria.

Table 6: Evaluation of the Cultural Heritage Value of 24 and 26 James Street

| The property has design value or physical value because it, |   |  |  |
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| , , ,   | Criteria  | Evaluation   |  |
| i   | is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method  | Yes, this house is a unique one-and-a-half-storey semidetached early settlement house with a low gable roof and a front gable dormer.                                |  |
| li  | displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit   | No, this home does not displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit   |  |
| iii   | demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement   | No, the property does not demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement   |  |
| The property ha   | The property has historical value or associative value because it,  |  |  |
| i   | has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community                               | Yes, this historical house was the home of the first Mayor of Milton, George Brown and Councillor Alfred James Waldie Junoir.  |  |
| ii  | Yields or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture  | Yes, this house was the home of three generations of blacksmith and holds significant history of the blacksmithing legacy of the Waldie's family in Downtown Milton. |  |
| iii The property ha   | demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community as contextual value because it, | No this house does not demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community           |  |

| i   | maintaining or supporting the character of an area  | Yes, this house is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of the Martin Neighbourhood.  |
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| ii  | visually or historically linked to its surroundings | Yes, this house is physically and historically linked to the designated Waldie Blacksmith Workshop, an important part of the history of blacksmithing and the settlement of Milton. |
| iii | is a landmark                                       | No, the property is not a landmark.   |

Based on the above criteria, the subject property has significant cultural heritage value based on both design and contextual criteria. These attributes are sufficient to warrant Heritage Designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. However, designation may not be necessary at this time as the property is current listed on the Municipal Heritage Register, which offers it some protection from demolition.