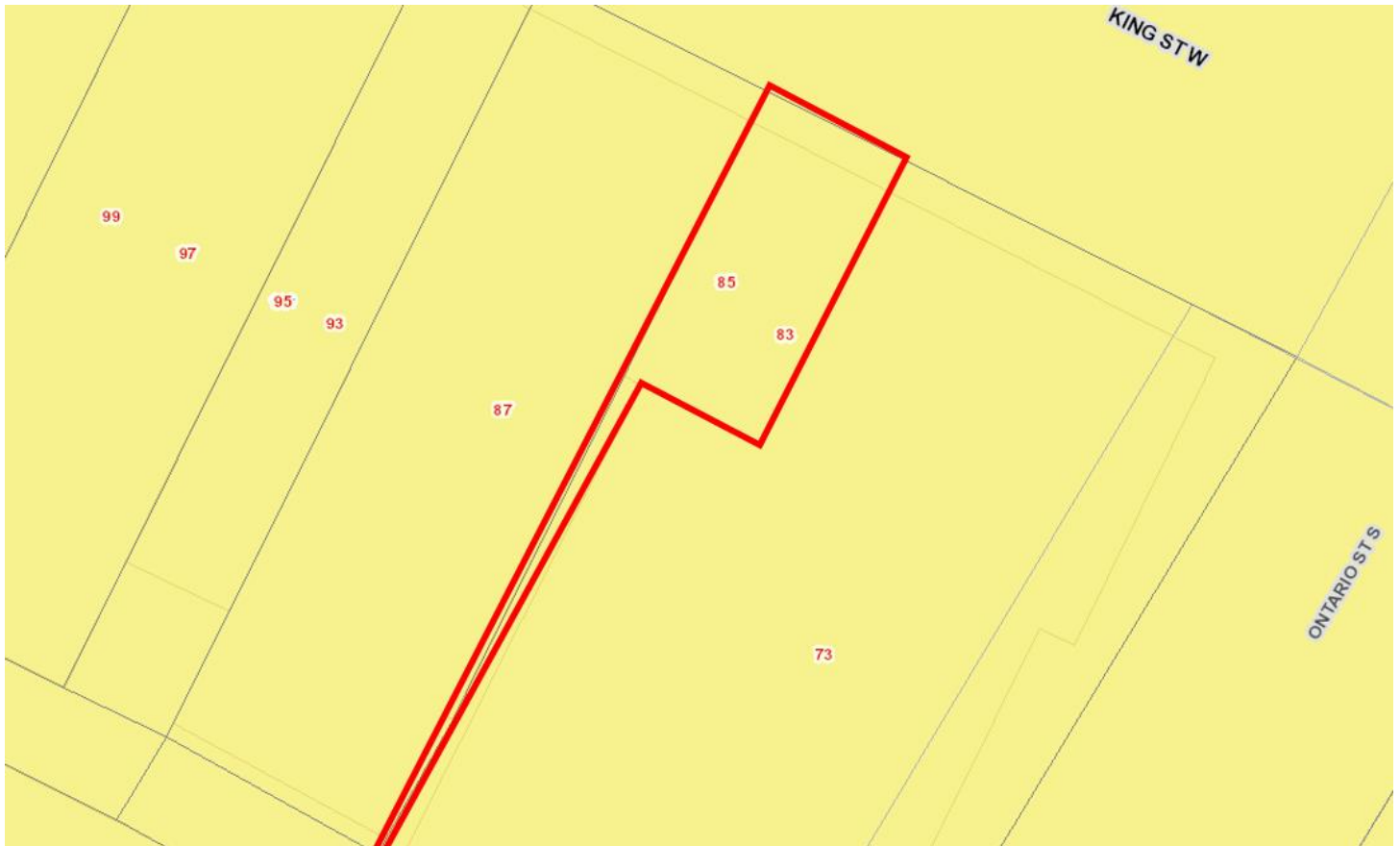


# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

## 83-85 King Street West



### Summary of Significance

☒ Design/Physical Value

☒ Historical Value

☒ Contextual Value

☐ Social Value

☐ Economic Value

☐ Environmental Value

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**Municipal Address:** 83-85 King Street West

**Legal Description:** Plan 380 Pt Lot 1 RP 58R3841 Part 3

**Year Built:** c. 1903

**Architectural Style:** Vernacular Classic Revival

**Original Owner:** Unknown

**Original Use:** Commercial

**Condition:** Good

### Description of Cultural Heritage Resource

83-85 King Street West is a three-storey early 20<sup>th</sup>-century brick building. The building is constructed in the Vernacular Classic Revival architectural style. The building is situated on a 0.02-acre parcel of land located on the south side of King Street West between Gaukel Street and Ontario Street South in the

City Commercial Core planning area of the City of Kitchener within the Region of Waterloo. The principal resource that contributes to the heritage value is the building.

### **Heritage Value**

83-85 King Street West is recognized for its design/physical, historical/associative and contextual values.

#### **Design/Physical Value**

The property municipally addressed as 83-85 King Street West demonstrates design or physical value as an early and rare example of 20<sup>th</sup>-century, commercial brick building built in the Vernacular Classic Revival architectural style. The building has many intact heritage attributes on the second and third floor and is in fair condition. Features which represent the Vernacular Classic Revival architectural style include: nearly flat, low sloping roof; symmetrical façade; single bay red brick façade; highly decorative brick cornice, brick frieze, and stone and brick architrave; ornamental brick moulding along with red brick corbelling; brick pilasters; semi-circular window openings; semi-circular transom design; 1/1 hung window design with decorative brick hood moulds with keystones and continuous stone sills; flat head window openings; and, rectangular transoms; 1/1 hung window design with brick voussoirs and continuous stone sills.

#### **Historical/Associative Value**

The property municipally addressed as 83-85 King Street West has historical/associative value given its direct association with early development of King Street West in what is now referred to as Downtown Kitchener. According to the 1898 Fire Insurance Plan, the subject property originally contained a barn/shed associated with a livery. The December 20, 1900 edition of the Berliner Journal indicates that improvements were made to the livery stable for a cost of \$400. The December 24, 1903 edition of the Berliner Journal suggests that the subject property, as it exists today, may have been built by Frank Heiman. The description indicates that Frank Heiman built a 3-storey block with livery, stable and store for \$8,000.

#### **Contextual Value**

The contextual value of the property relates to its location and proximity to adjacent commercial buildings that share the same Vernacular Classic Revival architectural style and almost identical heritage attributes. It is likely that these buildings were constructed around the same time, and designed by the same person, and constructed by the same person. Collectively, the properties municipally addressed as 83-85 King Street West, 87-91 King Street West and 97-99 King Street West contribute to the character of the City's Downtown and the King Street West streetscape.

### **Heritage Attributes**

The heritage value of 83-85 King Street West resides in the following heritage attributes:

- All elements related to the construction and Vernacular Classic Revival architectural style of the building, including:
  - nearly flat, low sloping roof;
  - symmetrical façade;
  - single bay red brick façade;
  - highly decorative brick cornice,
  - brick frieze, and stone and brick architrave;
  - ornamental brick moulding along with red brick corbelling;

- brick pilasters;
- semi-circular window openings;
- semi-circular transom design;
- 1/1 hung window design featuring decorative brick hood moulds with keystones and continuous stone sills;
- flat head window openings;
- rectangular transoms; and,
- 1/1 hung window design with brick voussoirs and continuous stone sills.

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## Photographs



Front Elevation (North Elevation) – 83-85 King Street West



Third-storey details showing highly decorative brick cornice, brick frieze, and stone and brick architrave; and, ornamental brick moulding along with red brick corbelling – 83-85 King Street West



Third-storey details showing semi-circular window openings; semi-circular transom design; and, 1/1 hung window design with brick voussoirs and continuous stone sills



Second-storey details showing flat head window openings; rectangular transom design; and, 1/1 hung window design with brick voussoirs and continuous stone sills





# CULTURAL HERITAGE EVALUATION FORM

Address: 83-85 King Street West Recorder: Michelle Drake

Description: Commercial façade; Brick construction; Classic Date: March 19, 2024

(date of construction, architectural style, etc)

Photographs Attached:

☐ Front Facade ☐ Left Façade ☐ Right Façade ☐ Rear Facade ☐ Details ☐ Setting

<b><i>Designation Criteria</i></b>	<b><i>Recorder – Heritage Kitchener Committee</i></b>	<b><i>Heritage Planning Staff</i></b>
1. This property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. The property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. The property has design value or physical value because it demonstrates a high degree of technical or	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>scientific achievement.</p> <p><i>* E.g. - constructed with a unique material combination or use, incorporates challenging geometric designs etc.</i></p>		
<p>4. The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.</p> <p><i>* Additional archival work may be required.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>5. The property has historical or associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.</p> <p><i>* E.g - A commercial building may provide an understanding of how the economic development of the City occurred. Additional archival work may be required.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>6. The property has historical value or associative value because it demonstrates or</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.</p> <p><i>* Additional archival work may be required.</i></p>		
<p>7. The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.</p> <p><i>* E.g. - It helps to define an entrance point to a neighbourhood or helps establish the (historic) rural character of an area.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>8. The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.</p> <p><i>* Additional archival work may be required.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>9. The property has contextual value because it is a landmark.</p> <p><i>*within the region, city or neighborhood.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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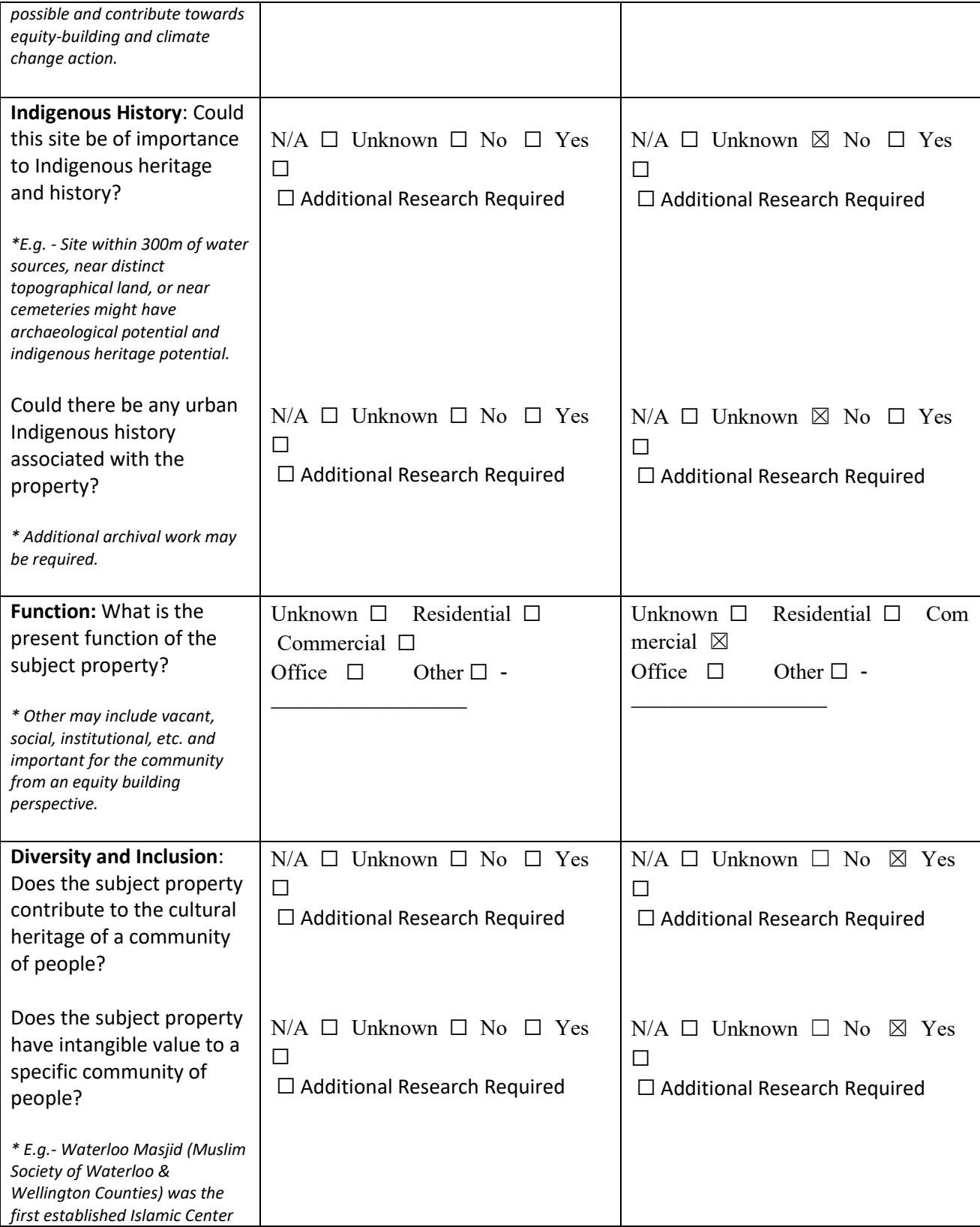
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<b>Additional Criteria</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Heritage Kitchener Committee</b>
<b>Interior:</b> Is the interior arrangement, finish, craftsmanship and/or detail noteworthy?	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Completeness:</b> Does this structure have other original outbuildings, notable landscaping or external features that complete the site?	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Site Integrity:</b> Does the structure occupy its original site?  <i>* If relocated, is it relocated on its original site, moved from another site, etc.</i>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Alterations:</b> Does this building retain most of its original materials and design features? Please refer to the list of heritage attributes within the Statement of Significance and indicate which elements are still existing and which ones have been removed.	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Alterations:</b> Are there additional elements or features that should be added to the heritage attribute list?	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Condition:</b> Is the building in good condition?  <i>*E.g. - Could be a good candidate for adaptive re-use if</i>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>





<i>and Masjid in the Region and contributes to the history of the Muslim community in the area.</i>		
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Notes about Additional Criteria Examined

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### **Recommendation**

**Does this property meet the definition of a significant built heritage resource, and should it be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act? (Does it meet two or more of the designation criteria?)**

N/A ☐ Unknown ☐ No ☐ Yes ☒

If not, please select the appropriate action for follow-up

- ☐ Keep on the Municipal Heritage Register
- ☐ Remove from the Municipal Heritage Register
- ☐ Additional Research Required

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

General / Additional Notes

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TO BE FILLED BY HERITAGE PLANNING STAFF:

Date of Property Owner Notification: \_\_\_\_\_