

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

148 MARGARET AVENUE



Summary of Significance

- Design/Physical Value
- Historical Value
- Contextual Value

- Social Value
- Economic Value
- Environmental Value

Municipal Address: 148 Margaret Avenue

Legal Description: Plan 376 Part Lot 451 and 454

Year Built: 1947 (original); 1955 (garage conversion); 1969 (addition); 1974 (turret over entrance and bay window)

Architectural Styles: Tudor Revival

Original Owner: George Kreutner

Original Use: Residential

Condition: Excellent

Description of Cultural Heritage Resource

148 Margaret Avenue is a two storey mid-20th century house built in the Tudor Revival architectural style. The house is situated on a 0.30 acre parcel of land located on the east side of Margaret Avenue between Louisa Street and Adam Street in the Mt. Hope Huron Park Planning Community of the City of Kitchener within the Region of Waterloo. The principal resource that contributes to the heritage value is the house.

Heritage Value

148 Margaret Avenue is recognized for its design/physical, historic/associative, and contextual values.

Design/Physical Value

The design value relates to the architecture of the dwelling. It is a unique and rare example of the Tudor Revival architectural style, being only one of five houses built in this style within the Region of Waterloo. The dwelling is in excellent condition and features; irregular plan; hipped roof with front gable; central tower with conical roof; stained glass windows; half-timber detailing; stone and brick cladding; bay window; rectangular windows; wood door with glazing and transom; wood garage door with wood man door; and, concrete foundation. The Tudor Revival architectural style can be seen in features such as but not limited to the asymmetrical floor plan, steeply pitched roof, superficial forms of half-timbering, patterned stonework, and grouped windows.

Modifications

Modifications to the building since its original construction include the introduction of a new turret entrance and bay window on the ground floor, as well as a metal roof. These features are appropriate for the architectural style of the building and not considered to negatively impact the heritage integrity. Bay windows are a common characteristic of the Tudor Revival style, and the turret contributes to the asymmetrical floorplan and contains other appropriate features such as the decorative half-timbering, decorative front door with Tudor arch, and patterned stonework.

Historical/Associative Value

The historic and associative value of the building relates to the original owner and builder, Michael Kraus. He was a prominent member of the New Apostolic Church, first joining in 1932 and then being ordained into the ministry one year later. In 1955 he was ordained as an apostle and three years later, in 1958, was appointed District Apostle for Canada. His impact on the global growth of the New Apostolic Church was so significant that, at his funeral, Chief Apostle Richard Fehr compared it to the missionary work of Paul the Apostle of biblical times. In addition to his minister work, Michael Kraus was an entrepreneur. He founded Kraus Carpet Mills in 1959, and Strudex Fibres in 1971. At the time of his death in 2003, Kraus Carpet Mills was the largest Canadian-owned carpet manufacture. According to his obituary “his tireless work and inspiring leadership had an enduring impact on the business and church communities that he served with distinction” (Floor Daily, 2014).

Michael Kraus also contributed directly to the development of the built environment along Margaret Avenue, having financed and built several buildings along the street including the New Apostolic Church at 160 Margaret, a single-detached residential dwelling constructed in the tudor revival style at 148 Margaret Avenue, and three apartment buildings constructed in the vernacular architectural style located at 100-112 Margaret Avenue.

Contextual Value

The contextual values relate to the contribution that the residency makes to the continuity and character of the Margaret Avenue streetscape and the surrounding residential neighbourhood. The property is located within the Mt Hope/Breithaupt Neighbourhood Cultural Heritage Landscape, a stable residential neighbourhood which contains all amenities or services an integrated community might require. It is characterized by features such as roads set at angles or parallel to the Grand Trunk Rail Line, gentle topography, an inventory of mature trees, and small to medium sized residential dwellings that demonstrate a variety of different detailing but are consistent in their scale and spacing, yielding an overall cohesive and complimentary composition. The setbacks, scale, orientation, and materials used for 148 Margaret Avenue is consistent with that seen in adjacent or surrounding residential properties, and the presence of mature trees in both the side and front yard further contribute to maintaining the character of the streetscape.

The building is also physically, visually, historically, and functionally linked to its surroundings as it remains in-situ and maintains its original residential use.

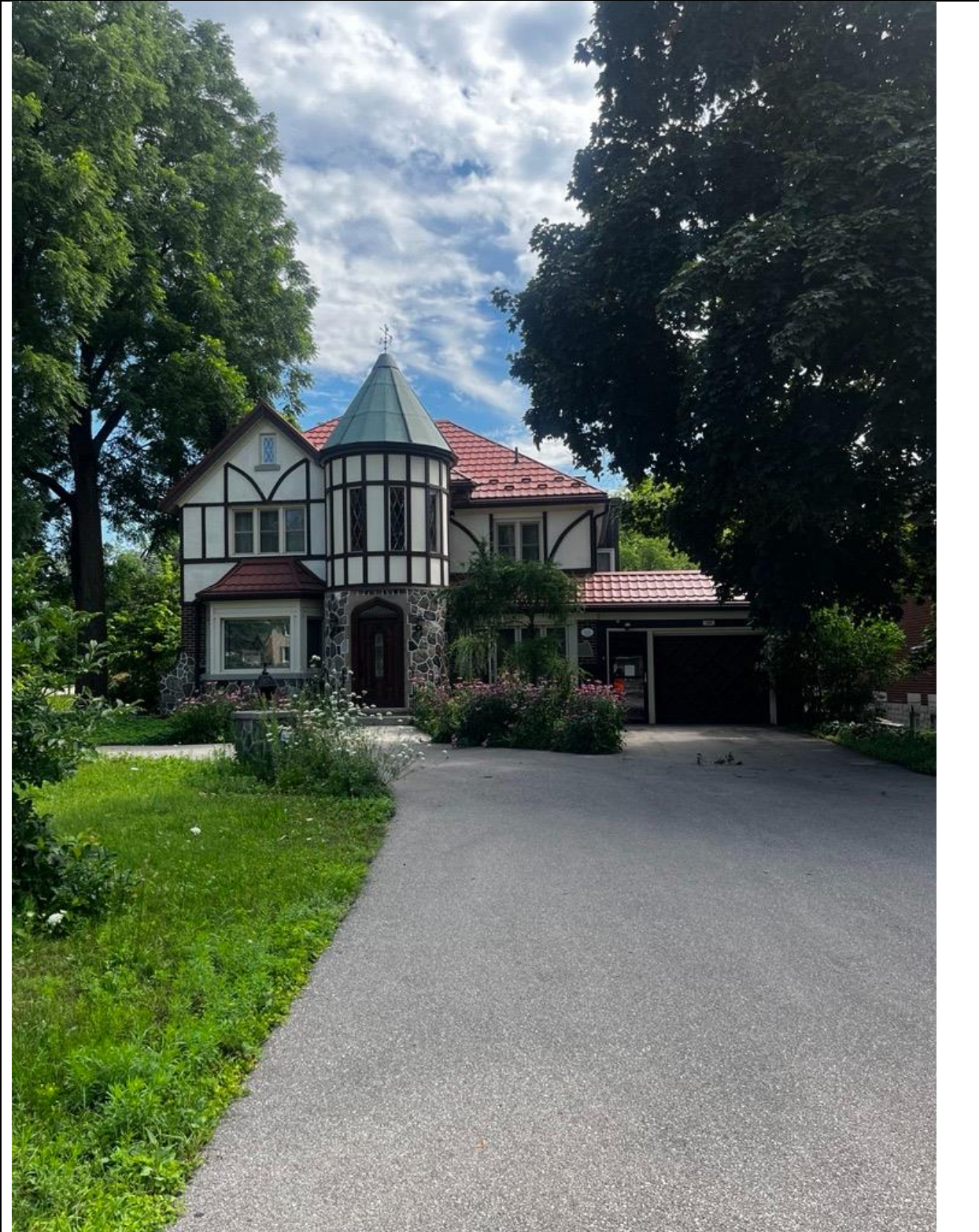
Heritage Attributes

The heritage value of 148 Margaret Avenue resides in the following attributes:

- All elements related to the Tudor Revival architectural style of the house, including:
 - irregular plan;
 - hipped roof with front gable;
 - central tower with conical roof;
 - windows and window openings, including:
 - stained glass windows;
 - bay window;
 - rectangular windows;
 - half-timber detailing;
 - stone and brick cladding;
 - wood door with glazing and transom;
 - wood garage door with wood man door; and,
 - concrete foundation.

- All elements related to the contextual value, including:
 - Location of the house and contribution that it makes to the continuity and character of the Margaret Avenue streetscape.

Photographs



Front Elevation



North Side Elevation fronting onto Adam Street

CULTURAL HERITAGE EVALUATION FORM

Address: 100, 104-106, 112 Margaret Ave Recorder: Jessica Vieira

Description: Apartments (100-106 twins, 112 very similar slight mod) Date: July 17, 2024

Photographs Attached:

Front Façade Left Façade Right Façade Rear Façade Details Setting

<p>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.</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2. The property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3. The property has design value or physical value because it demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.</p> <p><i>* e.g., constructed with a unique material</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p><i>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 - 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>6. The property has historical value or associative value because it demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/></p>

Notes

<i>Additional Criteria</i>	<i>Recorder</i>	<i>Heritage Kitchener Committee</i>
<p>Interior: Is the interior arrangement, finish, craftsmanship and/or detail noteworthy?</p>	<p>N/A <input checked="" 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"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>Completeness: Does this structure have other original outbuildings, notable landscaping or external features that complete the site?</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Site Integrity: Does the structure occupy its original site? <i>* If relocated, is it relocated on its original site, moved from another site, etc.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Alterations: 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.</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Alterations: Are there additional elements or features that should be added to the heritage attribute list?</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Condition: Is the building in good condition? <i>*E.g. - Could be a good candidate for adaptive re-use if possible and contribute towards equity-building and climate change action.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Indigenous History: Could this site be of importance to Indigenous heritage and history? <i>*E.g. - Site within 300m of water sources, near distinct topographical land, or near cemeteries might have archaeological potential and indigenous heritage potential.</i></p> <p>Could there be any urban Indigenous history associated with the property? <i>* Additional archival work may be required.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p>
<p>Function: What is the present function of the subject property? <i>* Other may include vacant, social, institutional, etc. and important for the community from an equity building perspective.</i></p>	<p>Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> - _____</p>
<p>Diversity and Inclusion: Does the subject property contribute to the cultural heritage of a community of people?</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p>

<p>Does the subject property have intangible value to a specific community of people?</p> <p><i>* E.g.- Waterloo Masjid (Muslim Society of Waterloo & Wellington Counties) was the first established Islamic Center and Masjid in the Region and contributes to the history of the Muslim community in the area.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p>
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Notes about Additional Criteria Examined

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

TO BE FILLED BY HERITAGE PLANNING STAFF:

Date of Property Owner Notification _____

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