

Statement of Significance 4336 King Street East



Summary of Significance

Design/Physical Value

Historical Value

Contextual Value

Social Value

Economic Value

Environmental Value

Municipal Address: 4336 King Street East

Legal Description: Beasley's Broken Front Part Lots 8 & 9, 58R-16058 Part 3

Year Built: c. 1889

Architectural Style: Georgian

Original Owner: Unknown

Original Use: School

Condition: Good

Description of Cultural Heritage Resource

4336 King Street East is a one storey late-19th century former school house built in the Georgian architectural style. The building is situated on a 1.40 acre parcel of land located on the corner of King Street East and Heldmann Road in the Pioneer Tower East Planning Community of the City of Kitchener within the Region of Waterloo. The principal resource that contributes to the heritage value is the former school house building.

Heritage Value

4336 King Street East is recognized for its design/physical, historic/associative, and contextual values.

Design/Physical Value

The design and physical value of the subject property relates to the architecture of the old schoolhouse. The design, composition, craftsmanship and details of the building result in a representative example of Georgian architectural style. The building is in good condition and is one of only four remaining one-room schoolhouses in the City of Kitchener. As such, it is considered a rare example of a one-room schoolhouse. The existing building is one-storey in height, is constructed of buff-brick in a common bond and Flemish bond, with a gable roof and a fieldstone foundation.

The building was rehabilitated in the early 2000's including the restoration of the original brick and repointing the stone foundation. A rear addition with a gable roof is attached to the former schoolhouse as well as a long one-storey commercial strip building attached to the east side of the former schoolhouse. The rear addition mimics some architectural details from the former schoolhouse such as its shape and form, as well as its use of buff brick and window openings. The buff brick is laid in common bond and a concrete foundation is clad in cut stone or replicated stone. A one-storey commercial building extending across the east property line is attached to the east side of the restaurant and is split into multiple units that provide a variety of restaurant and retail uses.

Front (North) Elevation

The front elevation of 4336 King Street east consists of a gable end of the north addition to the former Pine Grove Schoolhouse. West of the former schoolhouse, there is an attached flat roof commercial building that has been divided into multiple units.

The gabled roof addition to the former schoolhouse is three bays wide, and is designed similar to the original portion of the Pine Grove Schoolhouse. From the exterior, the addition appears to be two-storeys in height, but on the inside it is one-storey. The elevation foundation is concrete, clad in a stone veneer, and the walls consist of buff-brick laid in a running bond pattern with grey mortar. On either side of the door, there are two large rectangular windows with brick lintels. Above these door and window openings are three segmentally arched window openings with brick lintels and concrete sills. Each of these window openings has a modern window divided into 12 lites. Underneath the gable peak on this elevation there is a central round vent opening with a brick surround.

Rear (South) Elevation

The rear (south) elevation faces King Street East and is the rear elevation of the Former Pine Grove Schoolhouse. This elevation also includes the buff-brick construction and the fieldstone foundation. There are two rectangular windows on the foundation, consisting of 12 lites. This elevation is three bays wide, consisting of segmentally arched windows with brick lintels with concrete sills. Each window opening has a modern window divided into 12 lites. The gable peak has a circular window with brick surround. This elevation also has a projecting chimney.

East Elevation

The east elevation of the building is not visible as it has been covered by the attached commercial building.

West Elevation

The modern addition and the former schoolhouse are both visible on this elevation. The original portion of the schoolhouse contains three segmentally arched windows with brick voussoirs and concrete sills with a segmentally arched door. The window openings all have modern windows with 12 lites. The fieldstone foundation has two rectangular window openings. These window openings have modern windows with 9 lites with brick lintels. The addition has a gable roof with brick veneer, gable roof, and is one-storey in height.

Historical/Associative Value

The historic and associative value of the subject property relates to the former school, known as Pine Grove, which once served the localities of Limerick, Pine Bush, Freeport and Little Paradise. A log school house was first built in 1809 followed by a wood structure in 1855 and the current brick building c. 1889 (Hill, 2011). The log school is reported as the first school house in the County while the current brick building served as a school circa 1889 up until the mid-1950s.

Henry Heldmann purchased the schoolhouse in the 1950s and converted the building to a residence and factory for manufacturing plastic bandages. The building was occupied by the Heldmann family until the 1990s before becoming part of the Sportsworld Water Park. The history of the property and its importance to the community was celebrated by naming the road running past the school house in honour of the Heldmann family. The building was rehabilitated and adapted into a restaurant occupied by the Borealis Grille and Bar restaurant.

The property also has associative value as it relates to the theme of settlement in the Waterloo Region. This schoolhouse, and building, is one of the oldest buildings in the Region, and was constructed to service the communities of Limerick, Pine Bush, Freeport and Little Paradise. This building was used as a space for education for many years by these communities before becoming a residence. These communities were the early settlers in the Region, with the schoolhouse being built to meet the needs of these communities.

Heritage Attributes

- All elements related to the Georgian architectural style of the original portion of the building, including:
- The location, height, and massing of the original schoolhouse
 - one storey height;
 - front gable roof;
 - buff brick;
 - segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs;
 - flat headed basement window openings with brick voussoirs;
 - circular vent (former window) with brick voussoirs;
 - remnants from former school name plate; and,
 - fieldstone foundation.
 - Brick chimney
 - Former date/school name insert in gable peak.

References

Hill, V. (2011). Old Pine Grove schoolhouse is now a stylish restaurant. Retrieved on June 19, 2014 from <http://www.therecord.com/living-story/2578180-old-pine-grove-schoolhouse-is-now-a-stylish-restaurant/>

Oberholtzer, Reuben S., Waterloo Historical Society, V.67, p.85

WSP (2020), *Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report – 4336 King Street East, Kitchener*, prepared for the Region of Waterloo

Photographs



4336 King Street East: Front Facade



4336 King Street East: Rear Addition Facade



4336 King Street East: West Façade (Showing the seam between the original schoolhouse and the addition)

CULTURAL HERITAGE EVALUATION FORM

Address: 4336 King Street East
Choudhry

Recorder: JM (Jade McGowan), Deeksha

Description:
(date of construction, architectural style, etc)

Date: December 4, 2025

Photographs Attached:

Front Facade Left Façade Right Façade Rear Facade Details Setting

Designation Criteria	Recorder – Heritage Kitchener Committee	Heritage Planning Staff
<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 combination or use, incorporates challenging geometric designs etc.</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>4. The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event,</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>belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.</p> <p><i>* Additional archival work may be required.</i></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 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 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>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 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>8. The property has contextual value because</p>		

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

Notes

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:

TO BE FILLED BY HERITAGE PLANNING STAFF: