

REPORT NO. 9 of the
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
Email poll conducted July 25, 2011

Present:

Councillor Dilkens, Chair
Councillor Sleiman
Councillor Valentinis
Councillor Marra
Councillor Payne

That the following recommendation of the Economic Development Standing Committee **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED** as follows:

That Council **APPROVE THE NOMINATION** of architect Raymond Masters for the Ontario Heritage Trust's Community Heritage Recognition Award, as recommended by the Windsor Heritage Committee.

Clerk's Note: The Report from the Heritage Planner entitled "Nomination for the Heritage Community Recognition Award", dated July 4, 2011 is **attached** as background information.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Office of the City Solicitor - Planning Department**

MISSION STATEMENT:

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Subject: Nomination for the Heritage Community Recognition Award

1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide:! Ward(s): __

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

N/A

2. BACKGROUND:

The Ontario Heritage Trust, an agency of the Government of Ontario, recognizes individuals and groups who have made volunteer contributions to preserving, protecting and promoting community heritage.

Since 1996, the Ontario Heritage Trust has asked Ontario municipalities, First Nations band councils and Metis community councils to nominate individuals in their communities who have made a significant contribution to the promotion, preservation or protection of Ontario's heritage. Those selected receive a certificate of recognition and a pin honouring their volunteer work. Individuals have been recognized for leadership of natural heritage conservation and restoration projects, long-standing voluntary service to local heritage organizations, production of local history publications and participation in the preservation of heritage buildings.

The Windsor Heritage Committee requests the endorsement of the City Council to nominate architect Raymond Masters for a Heritage Community Recognition Award. The Committee was scheduled to vote on the recommendation at the June 8 meeting but there was no quorum. This motion (by Simon Chamely, second Lynn Baker) was passed by a majority of members in an email poll concluded by June 25, 2011: "That the Windsor Heritage Committee recommends the

nomination of Windsor Architect Raymond Masters for the Ontario Heritage Trust Heritage Community Recognition Award in for his contribution to Built Heritage in Windsor over the past 60 years."

3. DISCUSSION:

Mr. Masters learned the art of drafting at Windsor's W.D. Lowe Secondary School and graduated in 1947. However his route to becoming a licensed architect was anything but traditional.

After leaving school, he began his career in the office of noted Windsor architect J.C. Pennington. He spent 15 years in Pennington's office, learning all the elements of the profession, all the while taking supporting courses at the University of Windsor. He completed the Syllabus of Studies as required for a license to practice as an Architect. He applied for licensing in Quebec in September of 1969, and received that license along with the right to practice the profession in Ontario in January of 1970.

The scope of his body of work is both broad and eclectic dating back to the early 1950s while he was under the employ of J.C. Pennington. He worked on, and designed churches from Windsor to Toronto, along with many grand residences and commercial buildings.

Masters helped design and acted as project coordinator for various additions and projects at Hotel Dieu Hospital between 1957 and 1962 while working at Pennington & Carter architects, and became a fixture in the building as he saw the work to its completion.

Masters also served project coordinator for phases 1 and 2 of the Science Building at Carleton University in Ottawa, and while with Pennington & Carter, he helped design Essex Hall, the Student Centre and the Leddy Library, all at the University of Windsor. Later with architect W.C. Crosbie, he designed Chrysler Dealerships right across Canada.

Masters left Pennington & Carter in 1962, moving to Smith, Hinchman and Grylls in Detroit for five years, before coming back to Windsor to work with William C. Crosbie, before finally entering solo practice.

Among his most notable projects was the conversion of a former Carling Brewery on Windsor's waterfront into a new home for the Art Gallery of Windsor on Windsor's waterfront. It seemed an unlikely fit at the time, but the resulting Gallery, which included a third floor lunch room with a spectacular view of the Detroit River, remained one of the Art Gallery's most popular homes right up until its conversion to a casino in the 1990s.

Other notable projects include a fourth floor addition to Metropolitan General Hospital that included a special area for the terminally ill. His design included many private family places and a bright and cheery atrium which was accessible to patients and families alike. In Leamington he converted an old onion shed into an eight unit apartment complex.

He built many beautiful residences on the shores of Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. These homes feature beautifully detailed woodwork and broad expanses of windows to take in the spectacular views.

Many of his designs also included the surrounding landscaping, as Masters was also a licensed Landscape Architect, one of very few to hold the license in both Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

From small commercial shopping malls, to Church additions, multiple residential units, and homes, the touch of Raymond Masters is evident all around Windsor and Essex County and all across Canada.

Raymond Masters was an early member of what is now the Windsor Heritage Committee, and served as committee Chair for two years. For many years he happily offered up his time, expertise and interest to a succession of Heritage Planners and Heritage Committees.

In his decades of working, he has preserved, put additions to, and designed over fifty churches and countless other historic buildings. He has placed many cornerstones in and around the province, and to this day, continues to design beautiful spaces for all to enjoy. Mr. Masters is a true asset to Windsor and has left his mark for many generations to appreciate.

Raymond Masters is now 83 years old and still living in his Windsor home, a home he of course designed himself.

It is fitting that Windsor and the Ontario Heritage Trust recognize his contributions.

Projects Mr. Masters has worked on include the following (photographs are in Appendix A):

Church of Epiphany, Kingsville, Ontario
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Windsor, Ontario
Roseland United Church
Trinity Lutheran Church, Addition
Leamington United Mennonite Church
Offices, Heavenly Rest Cemetery
Crematory, Heavenly Rest Cemetery
Masonville Court Retirement Home
St. Anne's Church Hall, Tecumseh, Ontario
Atrium Design Study Metropolitan General Hospital, Windsor, Ontario
Villa Maria Home for the Aged, Windsor, Ontario
Addition to Woodslee United Church
Interior Courtyard, General Motors Transmission Plant
Landscaping, Metropolitan General Hospital
St. Clair College

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

N/A

5. CONSULTATIONS:

The nomination was prepared by members of the Windsor Heritage Committee, in consultation with Mr. Masters.

6. **CONCLUSION:**

Based on the outstanding achievements listed above, the Windsor Heritage Committee seeks Council's approval for the nomination of Raymond Masters for the Heritage Community Recognition Award.

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