



Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for 102 Brockville Street

Description of Property

The property at 102 Brockville Street, also known as the “Matthew Ryan House”, is located in the Town of Smiths Falls at the southwest corner of Brockville Street and Elm Street West. The property is located south of the Rideau River and Rideau Canal. The property contains a two- and one-half storey residential structure. The structure was constructed in 1889 for Matthew Ryan, a local businessman.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property has physical/design value as a representative example of a late 19th century residential structure designed in the Italianate style. Common architectural components associated with the Italianate style present on the structure include: a hipped roof, segmental arch window openings, dichromatic brick details, decorated cornice brackets, and porch with turned posts, balustrade, and decorative wood brackets. The property also contains a representative example of a late 19th century carriage house.

The property has historical/associative value through its associations with Matthew Ryan who established himself in Smiths Falls as a building contractor in the mid 1870s. In 1892, Ryan built the public market building on the corner of Market and William streets. In 1893, he built the enlargement of St. John the Evangelist Church. In 1914, he built the St. Francis de Sales Separate School. He was also responsible for building the Smiths Falls fire hall and the town hall in Carleton Place.

Heritage Attributes

The following heritage attributes reflect the cultural heritage value or interest of the property:

- Overall form and massing of the two- and one-half storey residence including:
 - A hip and cross gable roof
 - Red brick cladding
 - Stone foundation
 - Window and door openings on all façades
 - The stained-glass transom windows on all façades
 - Buff brick soldier courses
 - Buff brick detailing between first and second storeys
 - Stone sills
 - Decorative cornice and paired brackets
 - East façade, including:
 - Front facing dormer window with decorative wood detailing in the gable peak and around the window

- Wrap around porch with a front facing gable peak with wood detailing along fascia, turned wood pillars and balustrade, decorative wood brackets
- South façade, including:
 - Projecting two- and one-half storey bay, with decorative wood detailing in the gable peak and a half moon window
- Brick corbelling along the roofline of the rear two storey addition. North façade, including:
 - Projecting two- and one-half storey bay, with decorative wood detailing (including fish scale shingles and decorative bargeboard with star motifs) in the gable peak and a half moon window
 - Wrap around porch with a front facing gable peak with wood detailing along fascia, turned wood pillars and balustrade, decorative wood brackets
 - Oval ocular wood window with a buff brick and red brick detailed surround
- Carriage House, including:
 - One- and one-half storey massing with a side facing hipped gambrel roof with a front facing gable peak
 - Red brick cladding
 - Wood cornice
 - Buff brick voussoirs and arches
 - All window and door openings,
 - Wood shingles inside facing gables