



2023 Heritage Conservation Awards

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18 Barrie Street, 'Macklem House' – Queen's University, Kingston

The Macklem House is located at 18 Barrie Street, at the intersection with King Street West. The building is a Queen's University landmark, located facing Macdonald Memorial Park, City Park and the Lake Ontario waterfront.

The term iconic is bandied about considerably, but this building truly meets that definition. One need only look at the original by-law designating it as heritage protected to see that it was designated in 1975 in the same by-law as City Hall. It was then amended in 1976 with detailed reasons for designation.

The house was acquired by the Macklem family in 1905, and eventually donated to the University in 1994. An article in the Queen's Alumni Review by Tony Atherton, 'Memories of Macklem House, (Apr. 2022), relates the experience of students who rented rooms there, stating: *"Home to generations of a prominent Kingston family and lovingly restored after being deeded to the university in 1994, 18 Barrie is now home to offices of the dean of Queen's Health Sciences."*



The applicant, Queen's University, requested heritage approval in 2021 to replace like-for-like, in detailing and materials, the front (east) stairs, the east veranda floors planks, the side (north) stairs, and the north veranda planks. Most apparent from the street, the sixteen smaller columns were removed and repaired including replacement of the column bases, and also the four large columns were repaired including like-for-like replacement of the bases of the large columns. The distinctive columns give the building a very distinguished appearance.

For this major undertaking, **Barrie Carson, Senior Project Manager for Queen's University and Kate Antoine, Assistant Project Manager** receive the 'Certificate of Commendation'. **Bruce Stratton and Jason Ho of G. Bruce Stratton Architects** receive the 'Certificate of Appreciation' for preparing the detailed plans for restoration of the porches, columns, and stairs. **Jeff Smith and Danielle Sousa of David J. Cupido Construction** also receive a 'Certificate of Appreciation' for undertaking restoration on the building.