

# WATERDOWN VILLAGE BUILT HERITAGE INVENTORY FORM

## Former Fire Hall / Municipal Building

4 BARTON ST

*Heritage Status:* Inventoried

*Construction Date:* 1956

*Architect / Builder:* (Bill and Stan Carson)

*Original Owner:*

*Architectural Style / Influence:* Vernacular

*Number of Storeys:* 2

*Construction Material:* Brick



## Preliminary Evaluation:

**Classification:** Character-Supporting Resource (CSR)

### Preliminary Design/Physical Value:

The property is a representative example of a vernacular municipal building constructed in the mid-20th century. The building was constructed circa 1956 as a two-storey brick building laid in Common bond with a side gable roof, the central main entrance to the municipal offices fronting onto Barton Street with two flanking bays of windows and two large garage doors opening up on to Main Street South for the Fire Hall. In the late-20th century the building was converted from municipal offices to commercial space and a sympathetic two-storey front addition was constructed on the south side of the building towards Barton Street. Features remaining from the original construction include the gable roofline, the brick laid in Common bond, the five window bays on the north facade and the second-storey window openings in the east (Barton Street) facade.

### Preliminary Historical/Associative Value:

The property is comprised of parts of Lots 9 and 10 of Block 46 and part of Lot 1 of Block 47 as described in Plan 355, which is part of Griffin's early survey of village lots first drawn by surveyor Henry Winter in 1854. The property is associated with a significant institution (Fire Hall and Municipal Offices) in the village's history and may be associated with a significant family (Carsons). The fire hall was believed to have been constructed by Stan and Bill (William) Carson. However, research suggests that the combined fire hall and municipal offices on this property were not constructed until 1956. Instead, the former fire hall that was located across the street on Main Street South just south of Dundas Street may have been constructed by the Carsons in the 1930s around the time the first Fire Chief, William H. Carson, secured the Village's first fire truck, refurbished from a former Hamilton Fire Department vehicle. William Carson retired as Fire Chief circa 1953. The building was converted from municipal to commercial use in the late-20th century and a sympathetic addition was added to the south fronting onto Barton Street. In 2019 the building housed the "Firehall Dentist". Further research on this property has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of the Village's history.

### Preliminary Contextual Value:

The property helps support the character of the area. The property is functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings, located on the west side of Main Street South at the corner of Main and Barton Street with entrances fronting onto both streets. The former municipal building helps support the historic character Main Street South and its significance as an historic transportation corridor in the Village.

# WATERDOWN VILLAGE BUILT HERITAGE INVENTORY FORM

## 19 BARTON ST

*Heritage Status:* Inventoried

*Construction Date:* 1940

*Architect / Builder:* (Stan Carson)

*Original Owner:* (Carson)

*Architectural Style / Influence:* Vernacular; Cottage

*Number of Storeys:* 1.5

*Construction Material:* Brick



### Preliminary Evaluation:

**Classification:** Character-Supporting Resource (CSR)

#### Preliminary Design/Physical Value:

The property is representative of a vernacular early-20th century cottage, including the one-and-one-half storey massing, front gable roof with window below and front bay window with hip roof.

#### Preliminary Historical/Associative Value:

The property is comprised of part of Lot 3 and part of Lot 4 of Block 47 as described in Plan 355, which is part of Griffin's early survey of village lots first drawn by surveyor Henry Winter in 1854. The property may be associated with a significant family (Carson) and organization (Carson Construction) in the village's history. In the late-19th century there were two structures located on Lots 3 and 4: the wood-frame dwelling at what is now 21-23 Barton Street and the Ontario Cottage which is now integrated into the Carson House at 44 Main Street South. The property was purchased by Frederick Carson, a contractor and road builder in Waterdown, circa 1911. The property was severed sometime in the late-19th to early-20th century, most likely when 21-23 Barton Street was constructed circa 1890, and a separate parcel is shown in the 1903 Tyrrell map of the Village of Waterdown. The brick dwelling located at 19 Barton Street appears to have been constructed after 1939, most likely in the 1940s, and was located on the same lot at 21-23 Barton Street. According to members of the Carson family, 19 Barton Street was constructed by Stanley Carson, son of Fred Carson. The separate lot boundaries for 19 and 21 Barton Street were later identified in Plan 62R-18706, registered in 2010. Further research on this property has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of the Village's history.

#### Preliminary Contextual Value:

The property is important in supporting the character of the area. The vernacular cottage helps support the historic character of village, primarily consisting of late-19th and early-20th century dwellings. The property is visually and historically linked to its surroundings, located on the south side of Barton Street, an historic transportation corridor in the village.

# WATERDOWN VILLAGE BUILT HERITAGE INVENTORY FORM

## 21 - 23 BARTON ST

*Heritage Status:* Inventoried

*Construction Date:* 1890

*Architect / Builder:*

*Original Owner:* (Carson)

*Architectural Style / Influence:* Vernacular

*Number of Storeys:* 1.5

*Construction Material:* Wood-frame



## Preliminary Evaluation:

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**Classification:** Character-Defining Resource (CDR)

### Preliminary Design/Physical Value:

The property is a unique example of a vernacular house constructed circa 1890, including the one-and-one-half storey central massing with a front gable roof and window below the gable, flanking one-storey side wings with shed roofs, horizontal siding and central entrance with two bays of flanking flat-headed windows on the ground floor. The design of this building closely resembles the vernacular dwelling located at 24 Union Street.

### Preliminary Historical/Associative Value:

The property is comprised of part of Lot 3 of Block 47 as described in Plan 355, which is part of Griffin's early survey of village lots first drawn by surveyor Henry Winter in 1854. The property may be associated with a significant family (Carson) in the village's history. In the late-19th century there were two structures located on Lots 3 and 4: the wood-frame dwelling at what is now 21-23 Barton Street and the Ontario Cottage which is now integrated into the Carson House at 44 Main Street South. The property was purchased by Frederick Carson, a contractor and road builder in Waterdown, circa 1911. The property was severed sometime in the late-19th to early-20th century, most likely when 21-23 Barton Street was constructed circa 1890, and a separate parcel is shown in the 1903 Tyrrell map of the Village of Waterdown. The brick dwelling located at 19 Barton Street appears to have been constructed after 1939, most likely in the 1940s, and was located on the same lot at 21-23 Barton Street. The separate lot boundaries for 19 and 21 Barton Street were later identified in Plan 62R-18706, registered in 2010. 21-23 Barton Street was further severed in 2013 as identified in Plan 62R-19495, creating a new lot to the south at 39 Flamboro Street, on which a contemporary multi-residential infill building was constructed in 2014. Further research on this property has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of the Village's history.

### Preliminary Contextual Value:

The property helps define the character of the area. The property is functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings, located on the prominent southeast corner of Flamboro and Barton Streets, two of the earliest roads in the village, with a shallow setbacks from both right-of-ways. The unique circa 1890 dwelling helps define the historic character of the streets and the Village of Waterdown, which primarily consists of late-19th and early-20th century buildings.

# WATERDOWN VILLAGE BUILT HERITAGE INVENTORY FORM

## 50 BARTON ST

*Heritage Status:* Inventoried

*Construction Date:* 1957

*Architect / Builder:*

*Original Owner:*

*Architectural Style / Influence:* Vernacular; Suburban Split-level

*Number of Storeys:* 2

*Construction Material:*



### **Preliminary Evaluation:**

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**Classification:** Inventory Property (IP)

**Preliminary Design/Physical Value:**

The property is reflective of the Suburban Split-level style.

**Preliminary Historical/Associative Value:**

None identified.

**Preliminary Contextual Value:**

The 1957 Suburban Split-level dwelling with attached garage does not support the historic character of the area, which primarily consists of late-19th and early-20th century dwellings.



# WATERDOWN VILLAGE BUILT HERITAGE INVENTORY FORM

## 54 BARTON ST

*Heritage Status:* Inventoried

*Construction Date:* 1975

*Architect / Builder:*

*Original Owner:*

*Architectural Style / Influence:* Vernacular; Suburban Split-level

*Number of Storeys:* 2

*Construction Material:*



### **Preliminary Evaluation:**

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**Classification:** Inventory Property (IP)

**Preliminary Design/Physical Value:**

The property is reflective of the Suburban Split-level style.

**Preliminary Historical/Associative Value:**

None identified.

**Preliminary Contextual Value:**

The 1975 Suburban Split-level dwelling with attached front garage does not support the historic character of the area, which primarily consists of late-19th and early-20th century dwellings.

# WATERDOWN VILLAGE BUILT HERITAGE INVENTORY FORM

## 56 BARTON ST

*Heritage Status:* Inventoried

*Construction Date:* 1950

*Architect / Builder:*

*Original Owner:*

*Architectural Style / Influence:* Vernacular; Ranch

*Number of Storeys:* 1

*Construction Material:*



### **Preliminary Evaluation:**

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**Classification:** Inventory Property (IP)

**Preliminary Design/Physical Value:**

The property is reflective of the vernacular Ranch architectural style, including the long low profile, low hip roof with projecting eaves with windows below and raised front entrance with an open porch.

**Preliminary Historical/Associative Value:**

None identified.

**Preliminary Contextual Value:**

The 1950 Ranch-style dwelling neither supports nor detracts from the historic character of the area, which consists of late-19th and early-20th century dwellings.