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1724-40 Granville, Barrington & George Street Development Site

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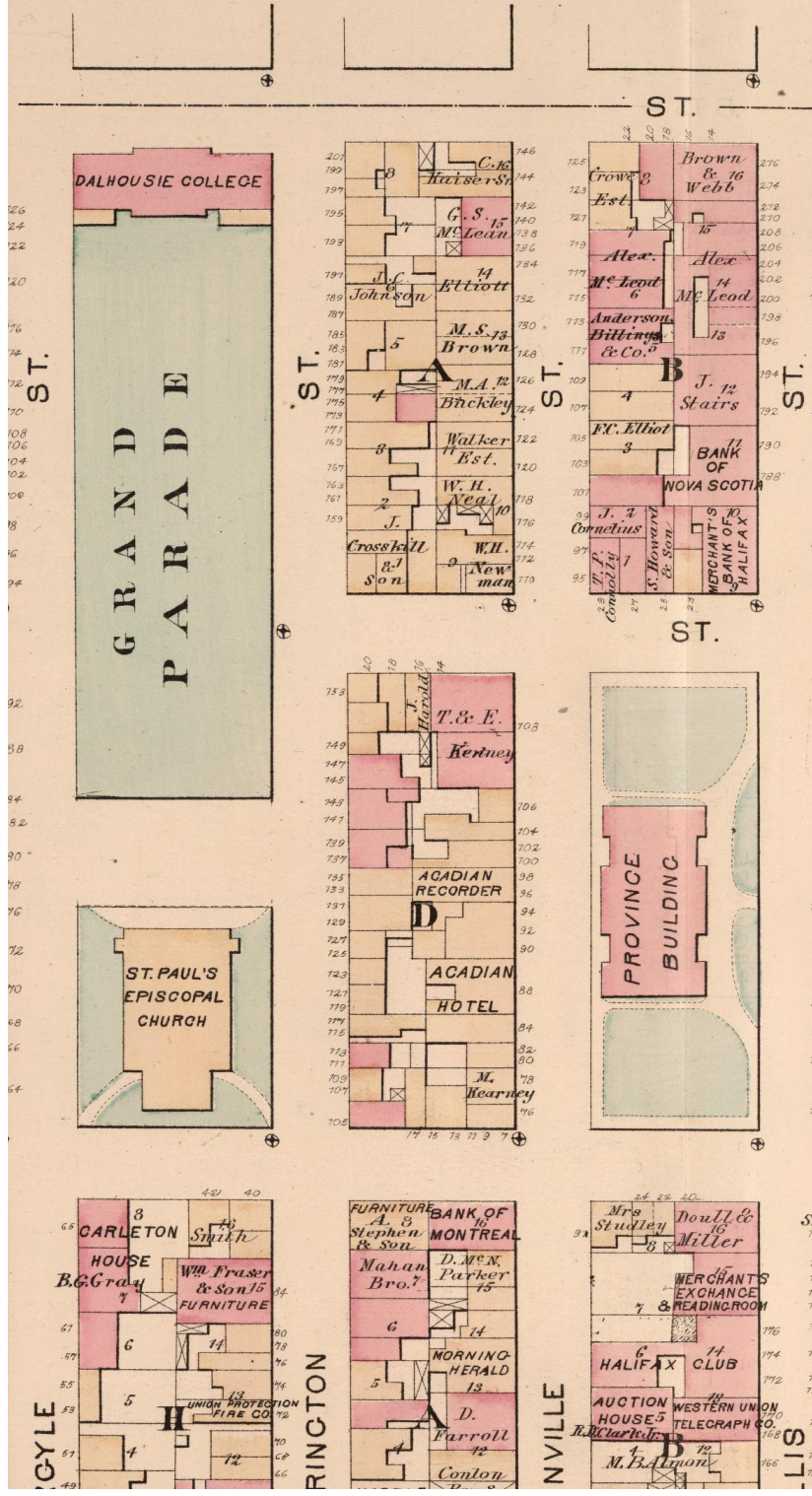
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Last Parade up George Street, c. 1922. source: Tom Connors, Nova Scotia Archives accession 1987-218 no. 732

01 Introduction

1.1 Site location and description

The Development Site, comprised of the properties municipally known as 1724–40 Granville Street and the Old Birk's Site (vacant), is located on the southeast corner of Barrington and George Streets. It extends the width of Barrington and Granville to the south where it terminates at the Crowe Building (Freak Lunchbox) and One Government Place. The Development Site contains two registered municipal heritage properties and one vacant site included as part of the Barrington Street Historic Conservation District.

The surrounding context includes a mixture of building types and uses including retail developments along Barrington Street, a commercial building to the north, and several civic buildings. Grand Parade square is located directly to the west of the Development Site, and Province House (Nova Scotia House of Assembly) is located to the east.



Fig. 1 Aerial map showing the Development Site location in red
Source: Google maps, annotated by Fathom Studio

1.2 Heritage context and policy review

Heritage context

The Development Site contains two properties that are included on the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality:

- 1740 Granville Street, Kenny-Dennis Building (c.1841). Council stated its intention to designate under Sections 14 and 15 of the Heritage Property Act on September 9, 2018.
- 1724 Granville Street, Acadian Recorder Building (c.1900). Recognized on January 28, 1982 to be included in the Registry of Heritage Property for HRM.

The Development Site contains one site listed in the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District (HCD) as part of the Heritage Property Act:

- Old Birk's Site, at the southeast corner of Barrington and George, including the area of the former Cragg Building. The vacant site is included in the designation by-law for its potential interpretive and archaeological value.

Policy review

The following were among sources reviewed in preparing this Heritage Impact Statement:

- Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality
- Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan
- Heritage Conservation District (Barrington Street) By-law H-500
- Heritage Property Act (R.S., c.199)

Dennis-Kenny Building, 1740 Granville Street
Municipally Registered Property

Old Birk's Site (vacant), Barrington and George Street
Barrington Heritage Conservation District, Site 23




Vacant lot, 1730 Granville Street
Not registered

Acadian Recorder Building, 1724 Granville Street
Municipally Registered Property

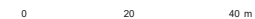


Map 1 - Location Map

1740 Granville Street, Halifax

-  Subject Property- Kenny / Dennis Building
-  Registered Heritage Property
-  Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District boundary

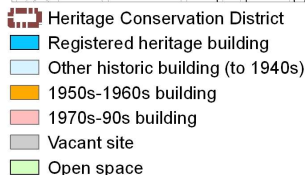
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Fig. 2 Property data map showing the Development Site location in red

Source: Heritage Planning and Development, HRM



The following Heritage Value Statement is extracted from the “Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan”, from page 7.

Barrington Conservation District

The heritage value of Barrington Street lies in the historic and architectural significance of its buildings and civic open spaces and its evolution as Halifax’s principal downtown commercial street over the 250 years from settlement to the present day. The open spaces, churches, and historic government buildings at the northern and southern ends of the district provide tangible reminders of the former City of Halifax’s social, civic, and religious development in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, and the continuation of these functions in the present day.

The buildings which occupy the four blocks between the Grand Parade and the Old Burying Ground reflect the evolution of Barrington Street as the City’s centre of commerce, from its early 19th century beginnings, to its blossoming in the late 19th and early-mid 20th century, its decline in the late 20th century and, currently, its potential for revitalization as the symbolic heart of the downtown.

The Barrington Street Heritage District is easily recognizable due to its central position half way down the hill between the Citadel and the Harbour, its intersection with the Grand Parade and the historic George Street axis, its continuing function as the main arterial street through the centre of the downtown, and its historic architecture which provides a clear contrast with the modern hi-rise towers at each end of the district.

	Historic Name (Year Built)
1.	City Hall (1888)
2.	Grand Parade (1749)
3.	St. Paul’s Hill
4.	St. Paul’s Church(1749)
5.	St. Paul’s Building (1897)
6.	Forrester Building (1820s)
7.	Wright/Marble Building (1896)
8.	NS Furnishings Building (1895)
9.	Ungar’s Laundry (1893)
10.	Old Acadian Insurance (1919)
11.	Harrison Building (1893)
12.	Canada Permanent Trust (1950)
13.	Tramway Building (1916)
14.	Former Tip Top Tailors(1915)
15.	C of E Institute (1888)
16.	Old City Club (1821/91)
17.	St. Mary’s Young Men’s Benevolent Society Hall (1891)
18.	Brander Morris Building (1907)
19.	Farquhar Building (1897)
20.	Barrington Gate (1996)
21.	St. Mary’s Basilica & Glebe (1891)
22.	Old Burying Ground (1749)
23.	Old Birk’s Site
24.	Crowe Building (1912)
25.	Cabot Building (1890)
26.	Kaiser Building (1895)
27.	G.M.Smith Building (1893)
28.	One Government Place (1980s)
29.	Cleverdon Building (1870s)
30.	Foreign Affair (1870s/1950s)
31.	Old Photographic Studio (1860s)
32.	Former Eaton’s (1928)
33.	Colwell building (1871)
34.	Buckley’s Building (1897)
35.	Johnson Building (1890)
36.	Roy Building (1897/1919/1928)
37.	D’Allaird building (1950s)
38.	Old Zeller’s (1930)
39.	Keith / Green Lantern Bldg. (1896)
40.	Old Paramount entrance (1930s)
41.	Sievert’s Tobacco Store(1890s)
42.	Mediterraneo Restaurant (1920)
43.	Mary MacAlpine (1890s)
44.	Carsand Mosher (1950s)
45.	W.M.Brown Bldg. (1910)
46.	Pacific Building (1911)
47.	Freemason’s Hall (1924)
48.	St. Matthew’s Church (1858)
49.	Government House (1800)

02 Background Research and Analysis

2.1 Cultural history

The cultural history of the Kenny-Dennis building is an important aspect of the associated heritage value. For context, the following is an excerpt from the Kenny-Dennis report compiled by Saemus McGreal in 2018:

The Kenny-Dennis building has significant associations with the Kenny family and the legacy of generations of early Irish immigrants and their role in building the nineteenth century prosperity of Halifax and Nova Scotia. The business of “T. & E. Kenny Merchants” was founded by two prominent Irish Catholic businessmen of the city who were active in civic, social, and governmental life. The Kenny building at George and Granville was the foundation for the Kenny brothers’ early business as dry goods merchants and textile manufacturers.

Sir Edward Kenny served as Mayor of Halifax in 1842, and was a member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia from 1841-1867. Kenny was a supporter of Confederation, and this led to his appointment to the Senate and then to a position in the first Cabinet of John A. MacDonald in 1867. His son, Thomas Edward Kenny was elected as a member of parliament and became one of Prime Minister John A. MacDonald’s trusted advisors on finances and railways. Kenny became one of the founders of the Union Bank.

The Kenny-Dennis building also has significant associations with the Dennis family and the role of the

Halifax Herald and Evening Mail (later the Chronicle-Herald and Mail-Star) as vehicles for freedom of expression in a democratic society. In 1900, William Dennis purchased the Kenny building and made it the headquarters of the Halifax Herald newspaper. The building was a particularly fitting location, across from Province House, where freedom of the press had been won. Dennis, a British immigrant, started with the newspaper as a reporter in 1875 and became its editor-in-chief and President in 1890. He took over complete ownership and carried the newspaper and became known as “the Man who made the Herald”. In 1912, William Dennis was appointed to the Senate on the advice of the Prime Minister, Robert Borden, where he served until his death in 1920.

The Development Site and surrounding area has cultural associations with the history and development of the printing and newspaper industries in Nova Scotia. Several prominent newspapers were formerly located on the Site: The *Acadian Recorder*, the *Halifax Herald* (now *The Chronicle Herald*), and the *Evening Mail* (later called the *Mail Star*, which eventually merged with *The Chronicle Herald*). In addition to the associations with the Dennis building mentioned above, the *Acadian Recorder*—one of the longest-running newspapers in Nova Scotia—was from located at 1724 Granville Street from 1900 to 1930. It was founded in 1813 by Anthony Holland, who also established the Acadian Paper Mill on the Bedford Basin in the 1820s (which supplied paper for the newspaper).

2.2 Site history

Over the course of the life of the buildings and site area, each have accumulated a several names that were important in locating historical information (listed to the right).

The southeast corner of Barrington and George Streets—although currently vacant—was occupied since from the mid-19th century until the late 1980s. As outlined in the HCD Revitalization Plan:

Prior to 1912, this site was occupied by a number of buildings dating back into the 19th century. These were destroyed by fire in 1912 and replaced by four new buildings, including the Birk's building (three storeys high at mid block) and the Cragg building (seven storeys high at the corner of Barrington and George, and, at the time, the tallest building in Halifax and the Maritimes). These buildings were demolished in the late 1980s, and the site has been vacant ever since, except for a brief period during the 1996 G7 conference when it was decked over and used as an outdoor pavilion and beer garden. An early 1990s proposal to develop a new commercial building on the site never materialized. (2014, 46)

The neighbourhood fire of 1912 stopped at the Cabot Building (existing, Municipally Registered Heritage Property). After the fire, the nearby buildings were gutted and the Crowe Building was constructed adjacent to the Cabot Building. Repairs were made to the Dennis building, its structural integrity was reinforced, and three new stories were added

Naming and identification

Kenny-Dennis building identification

1. T & E Kenny Drygoods (1841–1863)
2. T & E Kenny Merchants (1863–1900)
3. Kenny Building (pre-1900)
4. Dennis Building (post-1901)
5. Kenny-Dennis Building
6. Kenny-Herald-Dennis Building
7. Halifax Herald
8. 1740 Granville Street

Acadian Recorder identification

1. 1724 Granville Street
2. Acadian Recorder building
3. Provincial Treasury Board building
4. Province House Credit Union building

Barrington/George Site identification

1. Old Birk's Site
2. Cragg Bros. LTD (former site)
3. Birk's Building (former site)
4. Cragg building (former site)
5. Atlantic Trust building (former site)
6. 1996 G7 Conference site



Fig. 3 1912 Corner of Granville and George Streets

The interior of the Herald Building was completely burnt out in a neighbourhood fire. Notman Studio Nova Scotia Archives accession no. 1983-310 number 20587.



Fig. 4 1912 Barrington Street, looking east

Firemen fighting fire on Barrington Street, all buildings were gutted. Notman Studio Nova Scotia Archives accession no. 1983-310 number 20586 negative: N-6067.



Fig. 5 1915 Barrington Street, looking north

The Crowe Building — currently containing *Freak Lunchbox* — was built after the 1912 fire, as were four new buildings (demolished in the late 1980's). VIEW-5490, Wm. Notman & Son. Notman photographic Archives - McCord Museum.



Fig. 6 1915 Barrington Street, looking north
VIEW-5490, Wm. Notman & Son. Notman
photographic Archives - McCord Museum.



**Fig. 7 1939–1945 Barrington Street,
looking south**
Parade at the Canadian National building during
Wartime (1939-1945), from the Nova Scotia
archives accession no. 1995-370 no. 37.



Fig. 8 1956 Barrington Street, from City Hall
Photograph reproduced from page 12 of the report
"A Redevelopment Study of Halifax, 1957." from
the Municipal Archives (reference 711.45.S8).

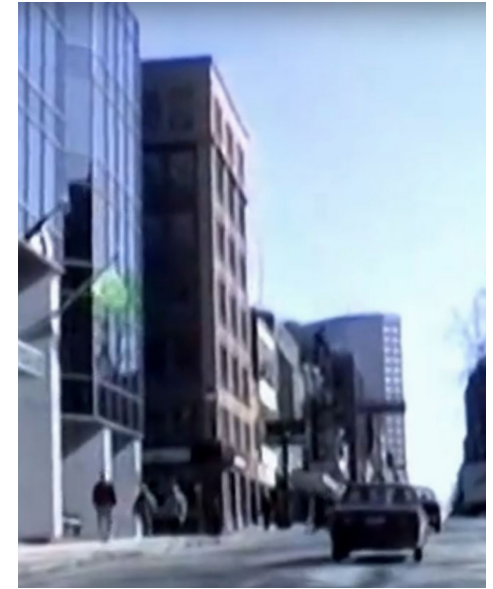


Fig. 9 1989 Barrington Street looking south
Still image from a video uploaded to youtube by
hamiltonontkeith, titled "1989 Driving Downtown
Halifax Nova Scotia."

by architect Henry David Jost. Jost was a native Nova Scotian who trained in David Stirling's office and prepared the architectural plans for the "Chronicle Block" on Argyle Street (since demolished for the Nova Centre). Neighbouring buildings at the corner of Barrington and George were reconstructed, and a new, modern 7-storey building for Cragg Bros. & Co Hardware (Atlantic Trust building) was constructed.

Corner of Barrington & George

When the Atlantic Trust building was built in 1912, it was considered the tallest and most modern building in the Maritimes. It remained largely unchanged (As part of an overhaul in the 1960's by the Atlantic Trust, most of the ornamentation was removed during a re-modernization by FBM Architects (Fowler Bauld and Mitchel).



Fig. 10 1878 Hopkis Map of Halifax Ward 3
Map showing closed block structure and solid corner on all sides of Barrington, George, and Granville Streets. Plate A: Ward 3, Halifax.



Fig. 11 1914 Insurance Plan of the City of Halifax
Map showing solid corner at Barrington, George, and Granville Streets. Opening in street wall only appears on George Street.

2.3 Current context

Province House context

Buildings along the perimeter of Province House (c. 1811), built after the Kenny-Dennis Building (c. 1841), complement the Classical architecture of Province House including:

- Old Post Office Building (c. 1868);
- Howard & Son Building (c. 1867), more ornate Italianate classical style;
- The Bank of Nova Scotia Building (c. 1931);
- Provincial Building (1935), later Beaux Arts tradition;
- Acadian Recorder Building (1900);
- the Bank of Commerce (1906)
- Jost addition to the Kenny-Dennis Building (1912)
- J.W. Johnston Building (1928) both on corner lots containing classical triplet windows on brick walls above stone walls, on the lower levels of the façades.
- The classical theme continued around the perimeter of Province House Square.
- In the early 1990s, most of the post-1912 buildings immediately surrounding the Kenny-Dennis building were demolished.

Barrington Street context

Within the Barrington Heritage Conservation District there are three distinct character areas: (1) Grand Parade Area; (2) Historic Commercial Blocks; and (3) Old Burying Ground Area (Barrington Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan 2014, 8). A portion of the Development Site is located in the “Historic Commercial Blocks” area, which is characterized by:

- Buildings are built out to the front and side lot lines, creating a continuous streetwall;
- Buildings of varying heights between two and six storeys create a varied streetwall profile;
- Tops of buildings are articulated by a variety of cornice and parapet treatments;
- Upper facades are articulated by vertically proportioned windows organized symmetrically between structural bays defined by pilasters, columns, etc;
- Rhythm of recessed entrances and storefronts create interest at street level;
- Exterior materials are predominantly masonry — brick, stone, terra cotta, cement, stucco — with a wide variety of ornamentation.

03 Statement of Significance

3.1 Statement of Significance



Fig. 12 T. & E. Kenny, Wholesale Goods, circa 1869

Looking West up George Street towards the Old Town Clock across the Grand Parade, Halifax, NS. Source: Joseph S. Rogers, Nova Scotia Archives negative N-422.

Kenny-Dennis Building

The following draft Statement of Significance is extracted from the Staff report compiled by Seamus McGreal, dated Sept 9, 2018.

Description of Historic Place

This structure at the corner of Granville and George Streets is one of the earliest remaining stone buildings to be constructed around the Province House square.

Originally built as a three-and-a-half-storey stone warehouse in 1841 for the dry goods business of Thomas & Edward Kenny, the building was completely redeveloped with a new four storey stone façade in 1863. The existing stone building has survived over 150 years including a fire which levelled much of the block in 1912 and the effects of the Halifax Harbour Explosion in 1917.

Following the neighbourhood fire of 1912, the new owner, William Dennis, made repairs and additions to the building to house the headquarters of the Halifax Herald newspaper. Its structural integrity was reinforced and three new storeys were added.

Heritage Value

No official value statement is currently available.

Character-defining Elements

The Character-defining Elements of 1740 Granville are divided into two clearly distinct phases. This is differentiated by the work of two different architects working in different time periods and distinct styles.

Character-defining elements of Stirling's original Mid-Victorian building include:

- four-storey mass masonry structure with granite stone block walls;
- ten-bay width and six-bay depth;
- tall hung windows, within each bay, with matching widths and varying heights on each storey;
- granite stone plinth, water table, dark lug sills, dark string courses dividing each storey, and strong bracketed cornice above the fourth storey;
- square openings in the plinth course, within each bay, capped by arched carvings in the water table.

Character-defining Elements relating to Jost's Edwardian addition include:

- three-storey brick structure on top of a four-storey structure;
- triplet hung windows, within each bay, with matching widths and heights;
- lug sills supporting three windows divided by subtle engaged columns, string courses dividing each storey, and strong bracketed copper cornice; and
- central arched entrance with transom window framed by engaged Doric columns supporting an entablature which contains the letters "19" over the left column, "12" over the right column, and "Dennis" in between the columns and above the entrance.



Fig. 13 (left) the Acadian Hotel and (right) the Acadian Recorder Building

Granville Street, directly opposite Province House, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Source: Notman Studio, Nova Scotia Archives accession no. 1983-310 number 7300 / negative: N-381.

Acadian Recorder Building

The following Statement of Significance is extracted from the Canadian Register of Historic Places:

Description of Historic Place

1724 Granville Street is a three-storey brick, stone and cast iron commercial building on Granville Street in downtown Halifax, Nova Scotia. Its early twentieth-century eclectic architectural style, incorporating Neo-Classical/Beaux Arts and Art Nouveau/Arts and Crafts influences, makes the building an important feature of downtown Halifax. The municipal designation extends to the building and the parcel of land it occupies.

Heritage Value

1724 Granville Street is valued for its association with the “Acadian Recorder” newspaper and its founding editor, Anthony Holland; and for its mix of Classical Revival and Art Nouveau architecture.

1724 Granville Street was the headquarters of the “Acadian Recorder” from 1900 to 1930. One of the longest-running newspapers in Nova Scotia, it was founded in 1813 by Anthony Holland. There were about 80 newspapers operating in Nova Scotia between 1840 and 1867, but the Recorder was a trailblazer for providing political commentary and criticism. Holland modelled the paper after London’s “Political Register,” which exposed the misdemeanours of politicians for public

scrutiny. He also established the Acadian Paper Mill on the Bedford Basin in the 1820s, which supplied paper for the newspaper.

Architecturally, 1724 Granville Street displays a mix of Neo-Classical/Beaux Arts and Art Nouveau/Arts and Crafts styles, which is uncommon in Halifax. The building's Neo-Classical/Beaux Arts influence is illustrated in its classical symmetry and proportions, and details including cornices, pilasters, rooftop balustrade, entablatures over second-storey windows, and ornamental carvings and scrollwork. The Art Nouveau/Arts and Crafts details include canted bay windows and stylized geometric designs on the matching roof parapets. (Source: HRM Community Development Department, Heritage Property Program, 1724 Granville Street property file).

Character-defining Elements

The character-defining elements of 1724 Granville Street include:

- three-storeys with flat roof;
- symmetrical four-bay façade with recessed centre bays;
- side bays (brick) culminate in parapets with stylized centre bays (cast iron) divided by central column/pilaster (brick);
- rooftop entablature with frieze (brick), projecting cornice (copper clad) and balustrade (cast iron);
- light coloured brick on side bays in alternating wide and narrow courses with channelled joints culminating in radiating voussoirs with central keystones over third storey arched windows;
- second storey windows on side bays have classical entablature caps with scroll brackets, and sills, all in sandstone;
- central bays have canted bay windows with transoms, thick mullions, and wide, panelled spandrels, in cast iron;
- central column/pilaster with Ionic capital with carved human head motif;
- central bays framed by Ionic pilasters;
- first floor level defined by cornice and frieze with carved animal head and brackets, all in sandstone;
- structural bays on ground floor defined by brick piers with granite plinths.

04 Description of Proposed Development

4.1 Description of proposed development

The Development Site includes two Municipal Heritage Properties: the Kenny-Dennis building at the corner of George and Granville, and the Acadian Recorder building at the South East Corner of the site (PIDS 00002626 and 00002642 respectively). The Site borders one Municipal Heritage Property at 1729 Barrington Street (Crowe building), and is bound by One Government Place at Granville Street. The vacant lot at corner of Barrington and George Streets (PIDS 40594764) is situated inside the Barrington Heritage Conservation District (Precinct 5). The lower half of the overall Site falls within Lower Downtown (Precinct 4). The properties occupy a total area of 1,878 m².

The Development Proposal ranges from 8-storeys high on the Barrington Street Side to 9-storeys high along Granville Street, and navigates a substantial grade change of +3m along George Street. The building will include 120 units total (a mix of 1, 2 bedroom units), over 650 m² of at grade retail space, and 3 levels of concealed underground parking for a total of 110 parking stalls. Roof top amenity terraces provide a total of 100 m² common landscaped area.

Framework

The proposed Development is guided by six objectives:

1. Maintain the existing floor heights, fenestration, and cornice line of the Kenny-Dennis and Acadian Recorder buildings (S-1 Design Manual 4.4.2, 4.4.3);
2. Maintain the three-dimensional form and legibility of the historic buildings through streetwall breaks and setbacks (S-1 Design Manual 4.4.1).
3. Incorporate a fine-grain block strategy that references the surrounding context and maintains the long-standing retail use on Barrington Street (S-1 Design Manual 4.4.3);
4. Respect the character of Granville Street and the neighbouring Province House, and allow for sensitive densification of the Site. (S-1 Design Manual 4.4.3);
5. Reinforce historic George Street corridor that helps to define downtown Halifax's civic character and enhance the waterfront connection and pedestrian orientation (S-1 Design Manual page 20 and 3.4.1);
6. Reinststate a prominent corner, informed by historical context, at the former location of the Atlantic Trust building to re-establish the Site as a landmark along Barrington Street (S-1 Design Manual 3.4.2).

05 Impact of Development

5.1 Impact of development

The development proposal, as described above, retains the street facing elevations of the Kenny-Dennis building and the Acadian Recorder building, and integrates a multi-storey building with retail uses at-grade. At the intersection of Barrington and George Streets, a streetwall and prominent corner is proposed to be reinstated that accurately represents the historical context of the area.

Holistic site strategy

The retention of the north and east elevations of the Kenny-Dennis and the east elevation of the Acadian Recorder, including the reconstructed north and west return walls, maintains the building's primary elevations as described in the municipally prepared Statement of Significance (see Section 3 of this report) while ensuring the legibility of the heritage building as a three-dimensional volume.

To prevent the new built fabric from visually overwhelming the heritage buildings, it is divided into visually discrete elements that respond to their scale, rhythm, and fenestration. The integrity of the Kenny-Dennis and Acadian Recorder buildings are maintained through intentional streetwall breaks and setbacks to articulate the cornice line and historic details (S-1 Design Manual 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3); Replacement floors will be constructed at the same height as existing floors within the heritage building.

The proposed cladding of both the tower and podium, namely the light coloured masonry, is compatible yet distinct

from the granite stone masonry of the lower levels of the Kenny-Dennis building while the contemporary design of the proposed building is clearly distinguishable from heritage fabric. Additional design-related details, including cladding material for the proposed new building, will be provided as part of a future application.

Relationship to Barrington Street and Heritage Conservation District

The vacant lot at the southeast corner of Barrington and George Streets is within the Barrington Heritage Conservation District and identified in "Appendix 1: Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Catalogue of Buildings" as the "Site 23: Old Birk's Site", situated in the "Historic Commercial Blocks" area (2014, 8). Buildings in the area vary in heights between two and six storeys create a varied streetwall profile.

After the fire of 1912, four new buildings were constructed on the site including the Cragg Bros. building (Atlantic Trust) and the Birk's building, all of which were demolished in 1989. The site is included as an archaeological and interpretive resource, and holds a symbolic meaning as part of the overall District. The symbolic value is outlined in the "Barrington Historic Conservation District Revitalization Plan" on page 7:

The Barrington Street Heritage District is easily recognizable due to its central position half way down the hill between the Citadel and the Harbour, its

intersection with the Grand Parade and the historic George Street axis, its continuing function as the main arterial street through the centre of the downtown, and its historic architecture which provides a clear contrast with the modern hi-rise towers at each end of the district.”

The inclusion of retail space on the Barrington side of the Development maintains the long-standing function as a commercial gateway to the HCD, making a case for a prominent corner condition. From the above document:

The heritage value of Barrington Street lies in the historic and architectural significance of its buildings and civic open spaces and its evolution as Halifax’s principal downtown commercial street over the 250 years from settlement to the present day.

George Street corridor

According to the S-1 Design Manual, the “Old Town Clock is a striking example of a prominent view terminus that helps to define downtown’s civic character” (page 20). The proposed Development will reinstate a Prominent Civic/Cultural Frontage according to resources outlined in “Map 1: Civic Character” (S-1 Design Manual, Appendix A).

The requested land-use at grade (3.6.15) and streetwall height (3.6.3) variances proposed are in keeping with the Heritage Value Statement in the “Barrington Historic Conservation District Revitalization Plan” identified above.

A prominent corner condition with distinguishable features reinforces the historic George Street corridor, and enhances the area’s civic character and waterfront connection (S-1 Design Manual 3.4.1).

Relationship to Granville Street and Province House

“The Kenny-Dennis Building is an important architectural asset contributing to the heritage character of Province House and its surrounding area. It is the earliest extant example of a building that respects the immediate context of Province House Square” (McGreal 2018, 10). Likewise, the Acadian Recorder Building on Granville Street also contributes to the classical theme continued around the perimeter of Province House Square.

The proposed Development respects the character of Granville Street and the neighbouring Province House, while allowing for sensitive densification of the Site. As such, no commercial space, retail space, or balconies will share the Granville Street boundary with Province House. As noted above, the proposed Development is informed by the existing heritage buildings and will maintain the existing floor heights, fenestration, and cornice line of both buildings (S-1 Design Manual 4.4.2, 4.4.3).

06 Conservation Strategy

6.1 Conservation approach



Fig. 14 Layers of site history are evident in the masonry changes on the exposed west wall of the Dennis Building

Photograph taken from Grand Parade Square, looking west, down George Street and towards the Halifax Harbour (2019).

General Principles

Given the dynamic, layered history of the site, the primary treatment selected as a conservation approach is rehabilitation. The *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* (second edition) defines rehabilitation as:

The action or process of making possible a continuing or compatible contemporary use of a historic place or an individual component, while protecting its heritage value.

In addition to the nine General Standards, all three additional Standards (10–12) that relate to Rehabilitation will be considered, and applied where appropriate. Rehabilitation can revitalize historical relationships and settings and is therefore the most appropriate.

The conservation objective of the Proposed Development is to maintain the long-standing retail use on Barrington Street, respect the character of Granville Street and the neighbouring Province House, and allow for densification of the Development Site while maintaining the character defining elements of the heritage buildings.

6.2 Outline of proposed conservation strategy



Fig. 15 View terminus and civic frontage on a prominent corner
Photograph taken from Grand Parade Square, looking west, down George Street and towards the Halifax Harbour (2019).

Overall Strategy

Archival photographs and other documentation, where existing, will also be used to inform the conservation approach. A similar approach will be used to inform replacement of the existing window units in the building. Where further investigation determines that original fabric remains, the material will either be restored, or replaced to match when repair isn't feasible.

Prior to and during construction, the retained elevations will be protected and regularly monitored. Where new material is required, it will be compatible in dimension, detailing and colour with retained heritage fabric.

Outlined below is a general strategy, which is followed notes specific to each building.

- Facade and corner returns 10' (+/-) are to be retained by temporary scaffold retention structure designed by a structural engineer. See plan diagram (Fig. 20) for extent of facade retention.
- Existing floors are to be removed. New concrete floors will be poured to work with the existing fenestration heights of the heritage buildings.
- Wall assemblies to include existing masonry, with new construction: comprised of steel stud, spray foam, and gypsum board interiors.



Acadian Recorder Building

The preliminary conservation strategy for the Acadian Recorder Building is as follows:

- Existing masonry facade and details to be retained and repointed as required.
- Partial side facade with curved parapet and change in masonry to be retained (12'+/-)
- Fenestration openings and details of upper two storeys to be retained (cleaned, repaired and painted as required) including: cast iron centre bays, rooftop entablature, cornice, and balustrade. New glazing to be installed
- Windows and sills are to be retained and restored where possible, or replaced with new units that resemble the historical units when repair isn't feasible.
- Existing ground floor glass block infills does not contain original fabric and has no heritage value. Assemblies are to be removed and replaced with new aluminum windows, doors, and metal panels .
- The design of a new infill at the ground level will reference and respect the heritage value and context, yet be clearly distinguishable as a modern intervention.

Fig. 16 Layers of site history are evident in the masonry changes on the exposed west wall of the Dennis Building

Photograph taken from Grand Parade Square, looking west, down George Street and towards the Halifax Harbour (2019).



Fig. 17 Layers of site history are evident in the masonry changes on the exposed west wall of the Dennis Building

Photograph taken from Grand Parade Square, looking west, down George Street and towards the Halifax Harbour (2019).

Dennis Building

The preliminary conservation strategy for the Dennis Building is as follows:

- Existing masonry and details to be retained and repointed as required.
- Fenestration openings and stone sills to be retained.
- Existing window units (not original) to be removed and replaced with new aluminum hung windows.
- Architectural details including the lintels and cornices are to be retained and repaired if required.
- Existing stone and architectural details at entry to be retained including "Dennis", "19", and "12".
- Existing central door on Granville to be replaced by new modern glass doors, with new signage that pays homage to the existing "1740" gold-leaf lettering.

Existing Heritage Elevations

1724–1740 Granville Street

General Notes

- Facade and corner returns 10' (+/-) are to be retained by temporary scaffold retention structure, designed by an engineer. See plan diagram for extent of facade retention.
- Existing floors to be removed. New concrete floors will be poured to match the existing floor heights, where possible.
- Wall assemblies to include existing masonry, with new construction: comprised of steel stud, spray foam, and gypsum board interior.

Acadian Recorder Building

- Existing masonry and details to be retained and repointed as required.
- Windows and details of upper two storeys to be retained including cast iron centre bays, and rooftop entablature, cornice, and balustrade.
- Ground floor glass block infills do not contain original fabric and have no heritage value. Assemblies are to be removed and replaced with new aluminum windows, doors, and metal panels. New design will reference and respect the heritage value, yet clearly distinguishable as a modern intervention.

Kenney-Dennis Building

- Existing masonry and details to be retained and repointed as required.
- Fenestration openings and stone sills to be retained. Existing window units to be removed and replaced with new aluminum hung windows.
- Architectural details (lintels and cornices) to be retained and cleaned as required.
- Existing stone and architectural details at entry to be retained. Existing central door to be replaced by new glass doors.

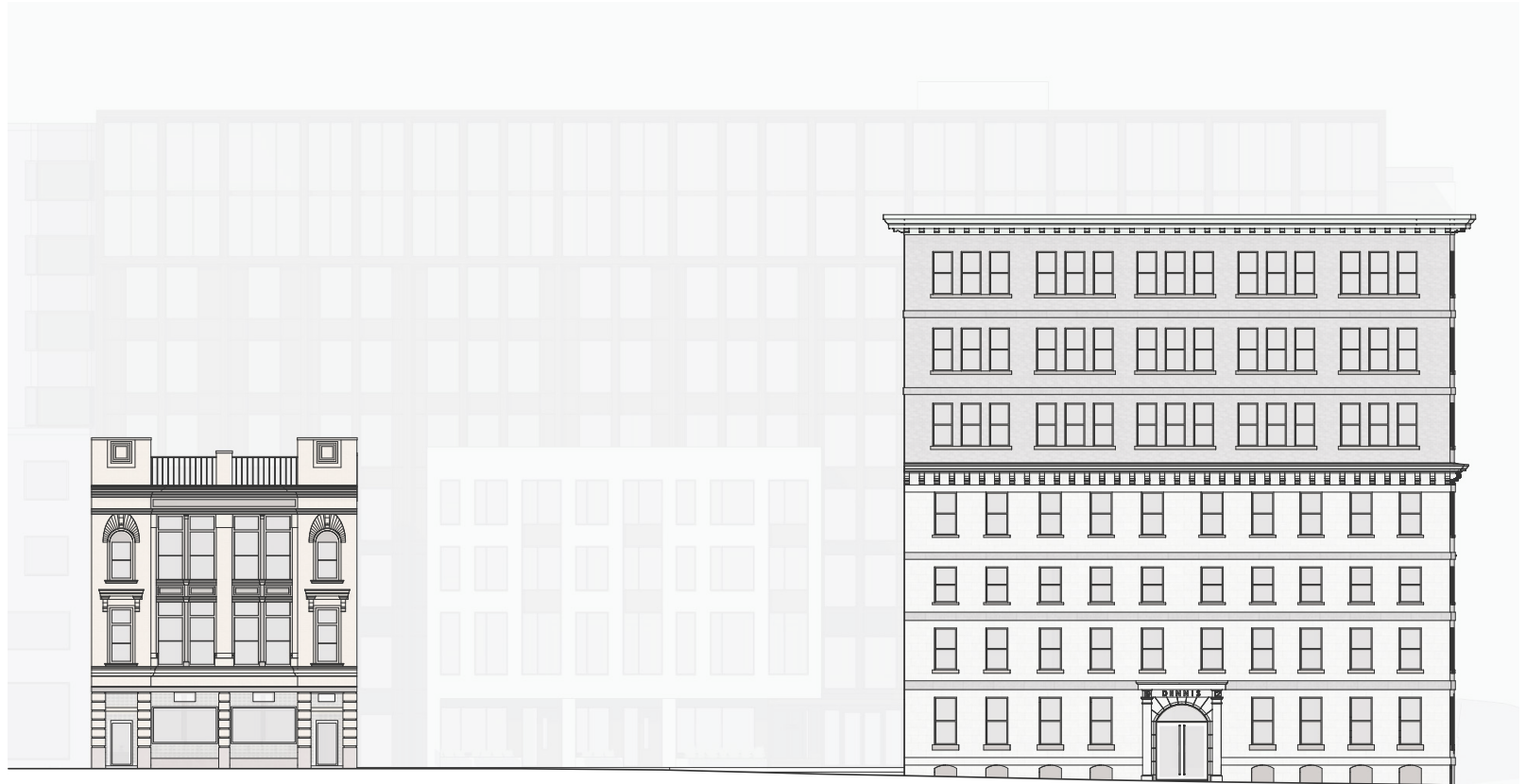


Fig. 18 Existing Heritage Elevations

Granville Street Elevation showing Registered Heritage Buildings

Proposed Heritage Elevations
1724-1740 Granville Street

General Notes

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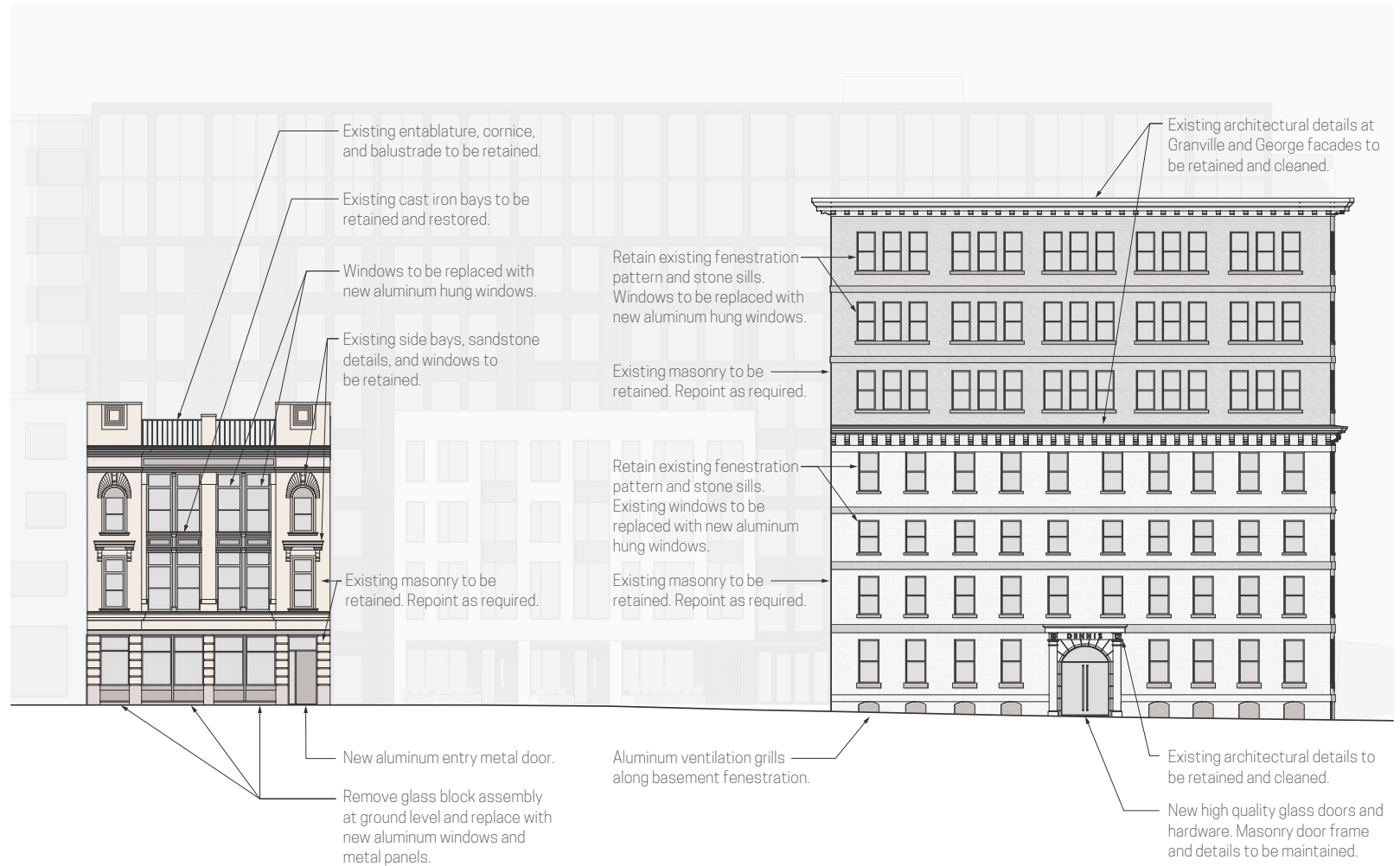


Fig. 19 Proposed Heritage Elevations
Granville Street Elevation showing proposed changes and conservation notes

Legend

- - - Range of conservation area
- Facades to be retained

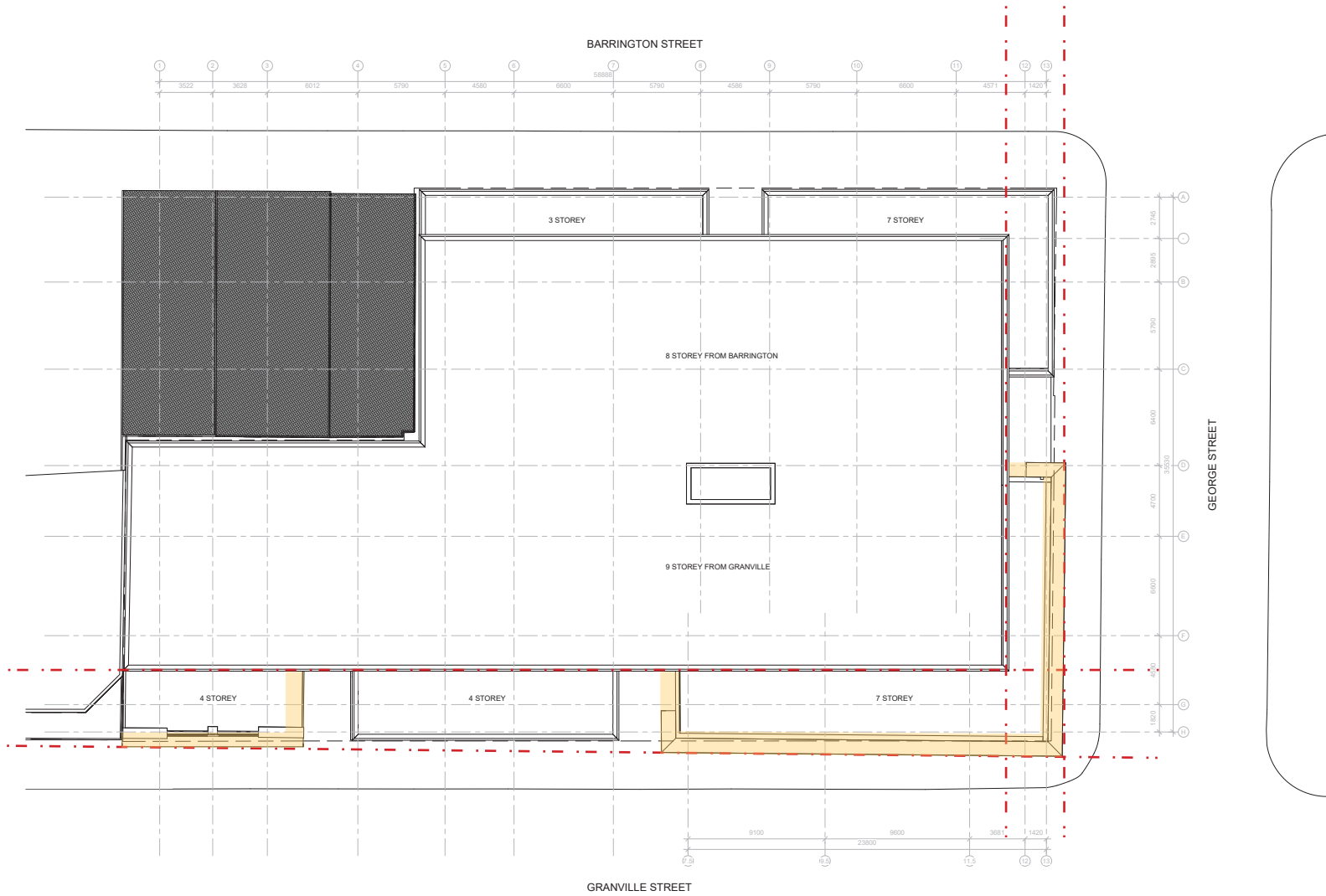


Fig. 20 Site plan showing heritage buildings to be retained

Diagram showing the extent of buildings to be retained in place (+/- 10')

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07 Appendices