



**What is to be Protected by Designation:**

The following elements of 47-49 Alice Street should be considered for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18*:

- front elevation of the one storey residence including window and door openings and hip roof line;
- front elevation of the one storey accessory building including window and door openings and open gable roof line;
- window opening on the west side of the accessory building; and
- setback/location of the buildings' relative to Alice St.

It is intended that non-original features may be returned to documented earlier designs or to their documented original without requiring City Council permission for an alteration to the designation.

**Why the Property is being Designated:**

Built in 1924, the pair of red brick structures at 47-49 Alice St. provides an excellent example of a residence and small scale workshop being constructed side-by-side as a convenient employment source for an Italian immigrant family in the 1920s.

The one storey red brick residence was constructed by local builder Ralph Macri, in the style of a late Edwardian Ontario Cottage for the family of Vincenzo Valeriote. The companion one storey red brick accessory building was constructed for use as a shoe repair shop by the Valeriote family and was known as the V. Valeriote Shoe Repairing Shop. Shops like this were

primarily patronized by local customers and contributed to the social and cultural cohesion of the local community.

The development of the property reveals an important period of Italian immigration to Canada and the development of Guelph's Italian community in St. Patrick's Ward. The pair of structures contributes to our understanding of the local character of St. Patrick's Ward as a working class neighbourhood with a long history of mixed uses.

The buildings' historic connection with the City's early growth and their contextual value in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of St. Patrick's Ward; warrant their consideration for historic designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**[CDES Report 08-57, Notice of Intention to Designate 47-49 Alice Street, pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act](#)**

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