






Looking Back at Previous “Buildings on the Brink”

Perhaps it's time to take a quick look back and see what's happened to buildings identified in prior years as being “on the brink”.


The following symbols summarize the current status of each property:

-  Solid commitments to renovate restore and preserve the property
-  Some positive steps toward preservation
-  No significant change, same status as originally reported
-  Demolished, destroyed and gone


2006

-  **Normal School** (formerly the Monsignor Feeney Centre)
The Ontario provincial government is working on a restoration of this property motivated, in part, by its importance as the “village center” of Old South and concerned Londoners generally. Although its condition is much improved, it still requires a useful purpose to safely secure its place.




-  **Locust Mount** (661 Talbot Street)
Left by the owners to decay over a number of year's animals, weather and vandals further deteriorated the home. In November 2007, a major fire destroyed it and in January 2008 it was demolished – a sad loss of a historic heritage building.




-  **Woodholme** (former Lawson estate at 1384 Wonderland Rd.)
Thanks to the vision of Sifton Properties Ltd. this unique and historic home will thrive as a private home in a new subdivision of large single family houses. It is expected that the new owners will designate the building as a heritage property.



-  **Wonderland Gardens** (now Springbank Gardens)
The City of London has done magnificent work reinventing the new Springbank Gardens with a design that matches the original Spanish influenced style for the band shell and a new functional, roof over the dance floor, all solidly built to withstand the rigors of time and weather.



-  **London Psychiatric Hospital** (London Asylum for the Insane, 850 Highbury)
The provincial government has acknowledged the historic and heritage significance of the property but no improvements have been made to the historic buildings.



2007



McCormick Manufacturing Company (Beta Brands) 1156 Dundas Street

This early London factory is still for sale without much progress. Only the bare minimum of utilities is turned on to conserve operating costs. The company controlling receivership seems ready to “walk away” from the property.



Capitol Theatre (initially the Allen Theatre) 204 Dundas Street



Bowles Lunch 206-206 1/2 Dundas Street

The City of London has agreed to a long term lease of office space in these adjacent properties owned by Farhi Holdings. The renovations will include restoration of the heritage facades which will greatly improve this important part of the Dundas St. streetscape.



Middleton House at CPRI Sanatorium Road near Riverside Drive

The Ontario Realty Corporation managing the property has agreed to postpone demolition but little effort has been made to improve the structure.



130 Kent Street

There have been no discernable changes to this property.



Alma College - Moore Street, St. Thomas

After long years of neglect and complete lack of care, this magnificent historic and heritage structure was destroyed by a “suspicious” fire after a lifespan of 130 years. It was identified by Heritage Canada Foundation as one of the countries 10 most threatened heritage properties in 2005. Now it is but a memory to the thousands of alumni of the old college and the citizens of the St. Thomas area.



2008



Buchan House 566 Dundas Street

The building has been purchased and is under the control of Western Ontario Therapeutic Health Community (WOTCH). Once the planned restoration is complete, it will become the new home of “My Sister’s Place”, an important women’s hospice in London.



Queen’s Park Art Building

LACH has recommended that the building be designated as a heritage property and the building is being considered in the City’s plans for the redevelopment of Queen’s Park.



Waterloo Pavilion at Western Counties Wing

Recent reports on the condition of this structure have identified significant problems which will likely prove to be too costly to restore. There is interest by LHSC in restoring some of the other buildings at this site.



Blackfriars 90 Central Avenue

The old Bishop’s home has been sold to an organization interested in developing the structure into a number of condominium residences while keeping the historic façade of the building and many of the internal features. There is consideration being given to heritage designation.



Elgin County Courthouse Wellington Street, St Thomas

Over the past couple of years, strong lobbying with the provincial government by the owner, Farhi Holdings, the municipal government and concerned citizens of St. Thomas and area seemed to fall on deaf ears as the province went to tender for a design of a completely new facility. Recently this project was been shelved with no plan for any action in the next five years. Threat of demolition is, at least, reduced at this time...but could become a threat again in the future.

