

Address: 96-100 Downie Street



Legal Description: Part Lot 255, Plan 20

Designation By-law: 4-99

By-Law Designation Date: January 11, 1999

Date of Construction: 1867

Architectural Style: Georgian

Architectural Description: two storey painted cream and brown brick with quoins at the corners; it has a hip roof and a centre gable; the roof has Italianate brackets under it; first floor; a large shop front with a recessed door is one either end of the building with a smaller shop in the centre section; second floor; five one over one pane rectangular windows with eared brick trim painted brown against a cream painted brick wall; each window has a label across the top painted a darker brown colour; there is a trefoil, painted brown, under the peak of the gable.

The building was built as the Victoria Hotel for the Honourable Donald McDonald, Liberal Senator for Perth County. In 1880 the hotel was owned by John O'Donoghue, who was Mayor of Stratford in 1897 and 1898 and was responsible for laying the cornerstone for the new City Hall.