

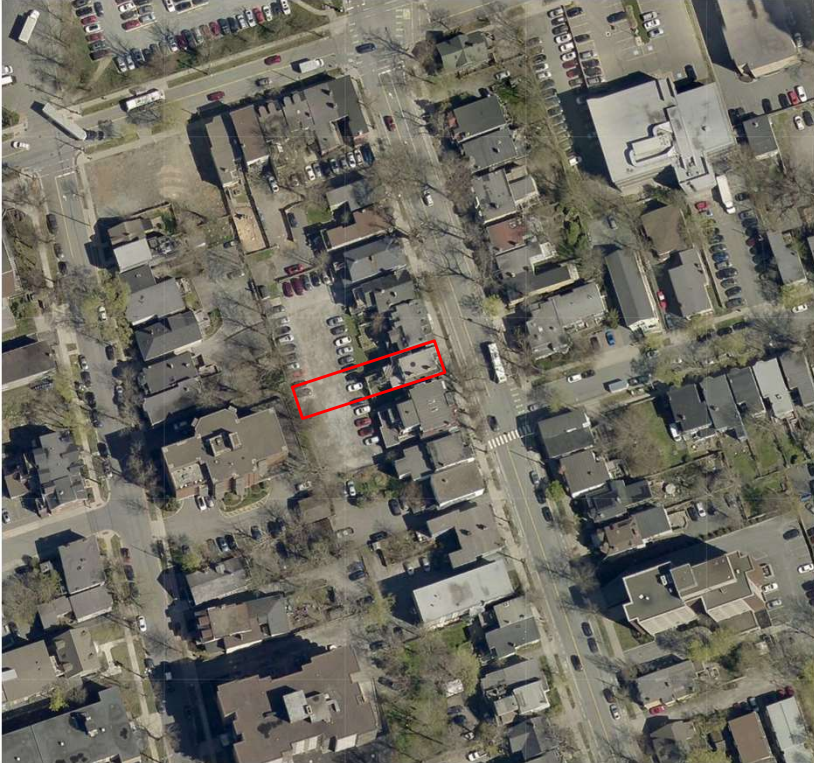
**HALIFAX**

**HRTG-2024-02793: 1158 South Park Street**

Request to Include Property in the Registry of Heritage  
Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Nov. 18, 2025

# Location



Location of 1158 South Park Street

# Evaluation Criteria - Buildings

Criterion	Maximum Score
1. Age	25
2.[a] Historical <u>or</u> [b] Architectural Importance	20
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	10
4. Architectural Merit: Construction Type <u>and</u> Style	20
5. Architectural Integrity	15
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

# 1. Age

## The construction date is 1875

- Part of the 1861 Smith Fields subdivision
- In 1873, a carpenter, Alexander W. McNab, obtained three properties and constructed three houses, including the subject dwelling
- Property was sold to William H. Creighton in 1875 and listed in the 1875-1876 City Directory

Leveiman  
56 Vacant lot  
58 King Rich M, of Payzant & King  
60 King Edwin D, barrister  
62 and 64 Vacant lots  
66 House unoccupied  
68 to 72 Houses unoccupied  
74 Cody Mary, wid Edward  
76 House unoccupied  
Vacant lots

72 Park St (subject property) in the 1875-1876 City Directory



Subject Dwelling - 1878 Hopkins Map

## 2a. Historical Importance



Portrait of James DeMille

**James DeMille (Also spelled DeMill, 1833-1880), author and professor**

- Born in Saint John, New Brunswick,
- Taught at Acadia University and Dalhousie University
- Published 30+ novels, including early science fiction
- Lived at 1158 South Park Street during peak career

# 3. Significance of Architect / Builder

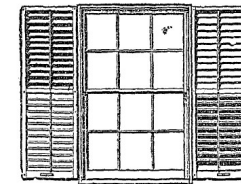
## Alexander William McNab (1840-1882)

- Local builder and carpenter active in the Smith Fields
- Constructed three Second Empire-style houses at 1144, 1150-1152, and 1158 South Park Street



Second Empire Homes at 1146, 1150-1152, and 1158 South Park St (subject property); Constructed by McNab

A. W. M<sup>C</sup>NAB,



*CARPENTER AND BUILDER,*

NOS. 36 & 38 HOLLIS STREET,

Contracts taken for Wood or Brick Buildings. All Carpenters' Work punctually executed by experienced Workmen.

McNab's Advertisement in 1874-1875 City Directory

# 4a. Architectural Merit *[Construction]*

- Likely early balloon frame construction
  - A full-height projecting bay
- Stone foundation and has two large brick chimneys
- Wood siding in history



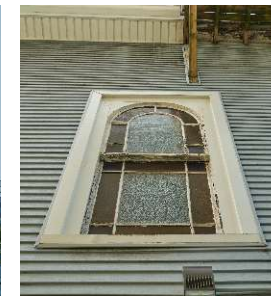
Stone Foundation

## 4b. Architectural Merit *[Style]*

### Representative of Second Empire-style residences

Character-defining elements are as listed in the staff report, but most notably include:

- Three-storey Second Empire Style house with an asymmetrical plan;
- Mansard roof;
- Pedimented/gabled dormers;
- Two brick chimneys;
- The fenestration on the front façade;
- One arched-top window with stained glass; and
- A projecting three-story bay with a decorative entry.



# 5. Architectural Integrity

The property retains a moderate level of integrity.

- Rear addition, stairs, and decks
- Window alterations
- Vinyl siding
- Brackets removed
- Foundation and chimneys coated in concrete

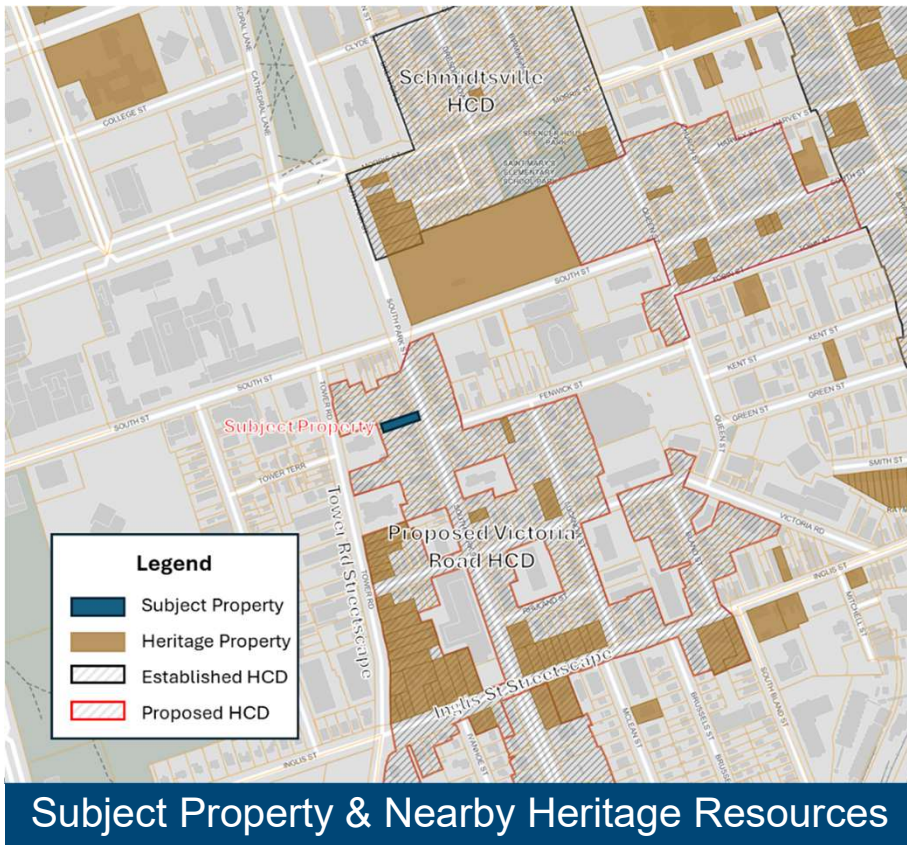


Rear Addition, Stairs & Decks



1985 Photo Shows Some Façade Alterations

# 6. Relationship to Surrounding Area



- Surrounded by low-rise residential buildings, which are facing development pressure
- In proximity to abundant heritage resources
- Important component of a historical streetscape

# Score Awarded

Criterion	Score Awarded
1. Age	13
2.[a] <b>Historical</b> or [b] <u>Architectural Importance</u>	20
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	3
4A. Architectural Merit: Construction Type	5
4B. Architectural Merit: Style	10
5. Architectural Integrity	8
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>

# Recommendation

That Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 1158 South Park, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated August 14, 2025, as a municipal heritage property under the *Heritage Property Act*.

**HALIFAX**

**Thank you**