

5.1 Queen Street, east side



7, 9 and 11 Queen Street

- Two-storey (re-faced) red-brick building with period fascia and end-brackets, and original, segmental-headed 2/2 front windows (c.1875). **Designated** under the OHA Part IV.
- Description – Re-faced, red-brick, common-bond façade is assumed to replicate original façade, though perhaps in somewhat flattened form. Commercial ground floor has two, symmetrical shopfronts either side of recessed central entry. Piers at either side have quoins in groups of four projecting bricks separated by two recessed courses. Stall risers are also in brick, while window frames and corner posts above are old, with bevelled edges and stop-chamfers typical of such elements. Central entry has wide stone step and (unusual) exterior hardwood flooring beyond. Door to no. 7 is modern, aluminum-framed glazed door, and entry to no. 9 is modern, 6-panel metal door. At upper shopfront, deep plywood sign may conceal older transom windows behind. Shopfront fascia, with small brackets at either end, has beaded lower edge and modest ogee-cornice above, and is recessed into new brickwork. At extreme RH side, door to upper floor is within narrowed aperture, under tall, old 2-pane transom window with original glass. At second floor – Red-brick quoins continue, with common-bond brickwork between. Windowsills are built of rowlock headers (in contemporary manner), while much original glass remains within 2/2 windows with curved top rails. Projecting red-brick voussoirs at segmental arches drop to single, central corbelled header below. Parapet has slightly projecting lower band-course two-bricks high, then single dog-toothed band, two additional plain courses, and then a band of stacked headers with small, recessed panels between, spanning full width of building. Parapet concludes with several brick courses rising to projecting course, and pre-finished metal flashing above.
- North side of building is re-bricked as described, and contains two new 2/2 old windows, with flat arches and steel lintels, at upper floor. Courtyard-type space in this area is attractive, with variety of buff and painted brick and old windows and doors at rears of adjacent buildings on Walton Street.
- South Side, Rear Elevation and Comments – see next page.

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- South Side and Rear Elevations – South side is plainly visible from east, and boasts an unusual combination of old 2/2 window with segmental-headed glazing, set within a new rectangular aperture with steel lintel above. Rear elevation is also plainly visible from Ganaskara River and Trail, and contains one old 1/1 window at upper level, again within new masonry, with rowlock header sill and steel lintel above.
- Comments - Building is an attractive presence near to Walton Street, with re-bricking (in metric brick) being unobtrusive; except at upper level sills, which is not a period detail. Old windows remaining at upper level in various elevations (as described above) are a real asset and should be re-puttied and re-painted to protect them. Shopfront sign should be reduced in height, especially if exposes older upper glazing behind. Brick stall-risers (which require repointing) are atypical of the Heritage District, as is aluminum-framed central door, and recent door to upper level is also unsuitable. Various possibilities exist for attractive rear or side terrace or courtyard, set adjacent the historic rear elevations on Walton Street – or at least an improved passageway to the north of this building – and such possibilities should be explored. Rotary Walkway, along the Ganaraska River, provides an increased opportunity for pedestrians to experience and benefit from such interesting spaces.