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Dear Mayor Peabody and Council Members,

The BHC would like to recommend The Walkerton Armoury, interior staircase and exterior, be designated as a Heritage Building, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Our reasons for Designation are as follows:

1. The Walkerton Armoury is the only remaining building in the former The Walker Block being built circa 1907/1908 by The Department of National Defense.
2. To recognize the Armoury has been the Home of the 32nd Bruce Battalion (1866 -1913), The 160th Bruce Battalion for WW1 and the 97th Field Battery WWII.
3. The Walkerton Armoury was the headquarters for many of our Bruce County families who were recruited to join the 160th in December of 1915.
4. The Armoury was designed by the one of Canada's Chief Dominion Architect, David Ewart. Other buildings designed by Mr. Ewart include Rideau Cottage, The Royal Canadian Mint and The Victoria Memorial Building to name a few.
5. The recommendation of having the Walkerton Armoury granted full historical designation by the Municipality of Brockton has been made in Architectural Assessment Walkerton Armoury by the "Preservation Works!" by John Rutledge, Heritage Architect, program of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario.

In closing we, The Heritage Committee, ask that Council give thoughtful consideration to The Walkerton Armoury as part of Brockton's rich military and historical past.

Sincerely,

The 2019 Brockton Heritage Committee.