

Clarington plans to designate 4-10 King Avenue East for architectural and historical value

The Municipality of Clarington plans to designate the property at 4-10 King Avenue East, Newcastle, for its architectural and historical value under the Ontario Heritage Act.

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Reasons for Proposed Designation

Description of Property

4-10 King Avenue East is located in the commercial core of the historic Village of Newcastle, at the historic four-corners. It consists of a two-storey Italianate building constructed circa 1859. Statement of Significance and List of Character-Defining Features

Physical/Design Value

4-10 King Avenue East is a representative example of a building constructed in the Italianate architectural style, specifically the commercial Italianate form. The two-storey red brick building is composed of two distinct sections divided by a firewall, which creates a rectangular plan fronting towards King Avenue East. The heavily ornamented side gable roof and one-storey rear wing located on Mill Street carry through the Italianate aesthetic and emphasize the building's location on the corner. The building has predominantly segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs and tin-clad sills, which is typical of Italianate architecture. The building showcases eave returns and an ornate bracketed cornice along the façade and west elevation, composed of individual projecting brackets of varying sizes and a moulded frieze board, which is a key characteristic associated with Italianate design. The building has a balanced façade, with each section showcasing balanced composition and rhythmic elements. The west portion of the building, known as 4 King Avenue East, includes a three-bay façade with two entryway openings topped with rectangular transoms, whereas the east section's centrally placed entrance includes a decorative transom and sidelights flanked by one-story canted bay windows. The bay windows are topped by truncated hip roofs with bracketed cornices and include decorative brickwork features which are representative of the Italianate architectural style.

Contextual Value

4-10 King Avenue East is important in defining, supporting, and maintaining the four corners of the commercial core within the historic village of Newcastle. The development of the commercial core in the mid-to-late 19th century played a significant role in the social and economic development and growth of the community of Newcastle, which resulted in its incorporation as a village in 1856. The lot lines, layout, and built form of the historic core are consistent with the typical 19th-century commercial streetscape found throughout Ontario. The King Avenue streetscape is comprised of predominantly one-to-two-storey commercial and institutional buildings of primarily brick construction with narrow, uniform setbacks along the street. Furthermore, the stylistic similarities between several properties, including red brick construction, ornamented rooflines, decorative brickwork and balanced façades with formal entrances, strengthen their contribution to the historic character of the commercial area.

4-10 King Avenue East helps support the historic core through its setback, massing, and decorative details, which are consistent with the surrounding area. Due to its prominent location at the north-east corner of King Avenue East and Mill Street, the importance of 4-10 King Avenue East at the historic four corners is reinforced by the detailed ornamentation on both the façade and west elevation. The four corners anchor the commercial core in the historic village of Newcastle and define the east and west sides of King Avenue.

Description of Heritage Attributes

4-10 King Avenue East is a representative example of a building constructed in the Italianate architectural style, specifically the commercial Italianate form. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- Two-storey building constructed in the Italianate commercial architectural style
- One-storey attached wing located along Mill Street
- Red brick construction
- Location at the intersection of King Avenue and Mill Street
- Overall massing, setback, and decorative details

The following heritage attributes were provided by the Clarington Heritage Committee at their meeting on October 21, 2025:

The building at 4-10 King Avenue East, Newcastle was Newcastle Village's post office from 1880 to 1923; and

4-10 King Avenue East, along with the two addresses 57 Mill Street South and 15 King Avenue West, were part of the Newcastle Village four corners, as discussed in the Feb 22, 2010, Staff report

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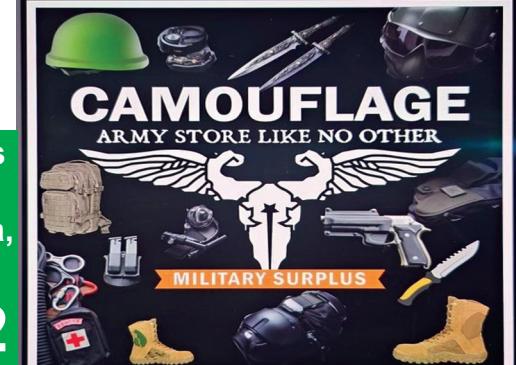
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100mg THC gummies brought to school

A Windsor area school had several Grade 8 students ate cannabis gummies and became sick. One was taken to hospital as a precaution. Something that started as a cool thing to do ended up sending people to hospital for observation and parents fuming. A public health unit in southwestern Ontario is warning people about the potential dangers of cannabis edibles after several Windsor Grade 8 boys reportedly consumed cannabis at school and became sick. One boy began vomiting and was disoriented for hours, according to reporting from the area. Each of the students was assessed by paramedics and one was taken to hospital as a precaution. The packaging of the product that was allegedly shared with the boys indicates the package contained 10 gummies with 100 mg of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) each, which is above the regulatory limit of 10 mg of THC per immediate container as set out by Health Canada. The father of one of the boys showed the product package with news media following the incident. A 12-year-old boy also received a formal caution from Windsor police for allegedly providing the edibles.

The health unit said as edible products rise in popularity, so too do concerns about accidental ingestion, high-potency products and other risks associated with unregulated cannabis sources. "Cannabis is a potent drug, and there are risks involved in using these products,"