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Architectural Design Brief,

Re: 5536 Manotick Main St. Project
New 2 storey commercial (office)

The proposed, red brick, two storey office, brings additional commercial space into the core of Manotick. While designed as a building of our time, with contemporary delineation of material and proportion it remains respectful of its historical context and harmonizes with the heritage fabric of the village.

This new infill is designed to respond to many of the surrounding heritage cues through material choice, proportion, colour and scale. It further acknowledges its historic context by its steeply pitched roof, and the handling of masonry headers and sills. The structure evokes a Georgian heritage in its roof line, rhythm of windows and use of columns; it also recalls a sense of 19th century inns and similar vernacular structures seen in Ontario towns and villages.

The proposed two storey building's scale, with its steep metal roof and the rendering of the façade in red clay brick bring a sense of balance to the Mill Street intersection. The size and massing intentionally relate to the large Edwardian vernacular across Main Street with its red brick and two storey verandah with round columns.

The building's massing along Main Street is divided into 4 distinct facades, tied together horizontally with a long porch. The porch offers a welcoming transition between the street and the interior commercial spaces. The building's façade is vertically articulated with an entrance tower feature. The 'tower' is positioned at the westerly terminus of the historic Mill Street. This gesture, by design, reinforces the importance of the Mill Street intersection with Main Street and helps to further establish and define this section of the village core.

Although simplified, the rear (Ann street) façade is detailed in the same clay brick and board and batten materials as the main street elevation. Ann Street is the only vehicular access to the property and the elevations are detailed to acknowledge the importance of the building's presence to this face of the village.

Proposed mechanical roof top equipment, located on the rear flat roof, is hidden from view by the adjacent peaked roofs and by screening on the two open sides.

Our approach to the architecture of this new building has been to strike a comfortable and considered balance between its heritage context and the modern requirements of commercial office space. In doing this, we believe we will positively enhance this important main street intersection in the Village of Manotick.

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