# PROPERTY REPORT

## October 2018



## **2002 MAIN STREET** Niagara Falls, New York



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November 6th, 2018

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#### Re: Niagara Falls Property/ Building Assessments

Mr. Richardson,

On October 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 CJS Architects, along with representatives from Siracuse Engineers PC, M/E Engineering, and Sienna Environmental Technologies set out to field survey 38 various properties/ buildings in Niagara Falls, NY, with the purpose of providing cursory general conditions reports for each property/ building surveyed. A typical survey lasted less than one hour, and the intent of the reports is to share first impressions of overall conditions only. A more detailed survey of each property will be required to evaluate, verify, and expand upon the initial commentary presented herein. The following is a list of the properties that were to be visited:

1628 Main St	830 Lincoln Pl
1632 Main St	813 Cleveland Ave
1636 Main St	819 Cleveland Ave
1708 Main St	2001 Main St
1802 Main St	2011 Main St
1810 Main St	2019 Main St
1812 Main St	2025 Main St
811 Division Ave	2109 Main St
717 Division Ave	2111 Main St
723 Division Ave	2113 Main St
803 Division Ave	2217 Main St
1643 ½ 8 <sup>th</sup> St	2637 Main St
1902 Main St	917 Niagara Ave
1908 Main St	915 Niagara Ave
2002 Main St	1509 Main St
2018 Main St	1105 Cleveland Ave
802 Lincoln Pl	1600 Cleveland Ave
808 Lincoln Pl	1010 South Ave
826 Lincoln Pl	1915 10 <sup>th</sup> St



Attached for your use/ review are individual surveys of each of the properties/ buildings listed above. Please contact our office should you have questions related to any of the information within.

For the purposes of grading various building components/systems, the Structural and Architectural reports utilized the following 1-5 ranking system to evaluate building components/systems:

- 1. Building component/ system completely failing, recommend complete removal, replacement, and/or demolition.
- 2. Building component/ system in extreme disrepair, reuse would require extensive cost/labor but could be accomplished.
- 3. Building component/ system in in a state of general disrepair, reuse feasible depending on costs.
- 4. Building component/ system in generally good condition, reuse would require little repair.
- 5. Building component/ system in good condition, requires no repair.

And the MEP and Hazardous Materials reports utilized the following grading system:

- Good: Building component/system in good condition and requires little to no work
- Fair: Building component/system in working condition but does require maintenance or some upgrade
- Poor: Building component/system is in need of replacement.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Claeys, AIA

#### 2002 MAIN STREET

#### Parcel Info

- One structure
- Lot Size: 4,242 SF
- Existing Structure: Vacant Retail/Residential
- Year Built: 1932
- Structure GFA: 6,736 SF
- Structural Height: Two Story
- Zoning: C2-A
- Mixed-Use Commercial

#### **STRUCTURAL**

The existing building at this address is a two-story structure with a single-story portion at the west end. The first floor is framed with a wood joist system over the basement below. The second floor consists of a wood joist system supported by steel girders which are then supported by the north and south bearing walls. The roof construction was not observed as the second floor was inaccessible.

The first-floor framing was observed to have significant water damage in areas. These areas the first floor will need to be at a minimum reinforced and possibly removed and replaced.

The visible portions of the second-floor wood joist system appeared to be in good condition. However, due to the water damage on the first floor, it should be assumed that portions of the second floor will require remedial work as well.

The brick façade in general was observed to be in good condition requiring only some repointing except for the northeast corner of the building. It appears that the masonry is separating at this corner near the roof elevation. This condition will need to be addressed and depending on the cause rebuilt.

A more detailed structural assessment will be required should this structure be renovated. The additional assessment would include determination of floor live load capacities as well as the criteria for seismic retrofit should the proposed renovation change the building occupancy to a higher risk category.

#### ARCHITECTURAL

The building exterior is in relatively good repair, the exterior masonry shows little sign of failure. Some mortar joints require repointing at the north-east corner. The stone ore precast panels along the Main st façade and a portion of the Cleveland ave façade show little sign of damage other than the paint peeling off. The cast column wraps at the building entry are also in good condition. The first floor storefront is intact and seemingly in good condition.

The interior of the building is in a state of severe disrepair, finishes are failing throughout and the floors exhibit water damage in areas and are unsafe to walk on. Ceilings are failing throughout and many of the wall finishes have been removed or are failing. The basement foundation walls appear to be in good condition, little sign of water infiltration was observed. The second floor of the building was not accessible due to the stair being unsafe to walk on, it is assumed that the second floor finish condition would be similar to the first and that the floor framing would also have water damaged & unsafe areas.

Any future re-use of this structure would require a thorough structural evaluation and repair to the failing areas. It should be assumed that all interior finishes would need to be removed and replaced. The existing storefront should be thoroughly examined for weather tightness if it is to be re-used. Existing wood windows on the second floor would likely require replacement as the wood appears to have been exposed to the weather for quite some time. This building does present some unique design character and interest along Main st and with the relatively good condition of the exterior elements, it could be worth maintaining/ restoring for that reason.



#### MEPFP

Observations of the building's MEP systems overall appear to be in generally poor condition. Potential renovations would require significant known upgrades in order to meet current codes. Property is vacant and has been left in sever disrepair. Re-use of MEP systems is not feasible.

#### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

<u>Potential Asbestos Hazards:</u> Based on the age of the original build and onsite observations, multiple materials are likely to be asbestos containing, including:

- Plaster
- Terrazzo
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- Mastic Daubs
- Wall Mastic
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- Vapor Paper
- Carpet Mastic
- Floor Tile and Mastic (including 9" x 9" floor tiles, commonly found to be asbestos-containing)
- Aircell Pipe Insulation, a known asbestos-containing material
- Mud Elbows
- Parging
- Boiler Insulation
- Wire Insulation

Potential Lead Based Paint Hazards: Based on the age of the building all paints/surfaces are suspect to contain Lead Based Paints. Paint in the main floor and basement was in poor condition.

<u>Potential Microbial Growth:</u> Mold was observed on the main floor, and the potential for moisture issues was observed in the basement.

Other Issues: The second floor was inaccessible due to the stairs being rotted. Pipe insulation debris was observed in the basement.

Potential Hazardous Material Remediation: Known asbestos-containing materials were observed during the site visit. Further testing would be needed prior to any renovation work to determine the presence of asbestos, lead based paint, microbial growth. The building has damaged floors, walls, and ceiling surfaces. Based on the general condition of the building most components likely would need remediation/renovations, depending on the scope of work proposed and testing results. Any plumbing and/or mechanical renovation work within the basement areas would likely need remediation of pipe insulation (including debris), mudded elbows, and boiler insulation. 9" x 9" floor tile was observed on the first floor and would likely be removed as an asbestos-containing material.

#### SEE ATTACHED APPENDICES FOR INDIVIDUAL FIELD REPORTS BY TRADE



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Property Address: 2002 Main Street Niagara Falls, New York

Assessment Date: October 17, 2018

Assessment Type: Visual observations only

#### **General Building Construction**

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#### **Structural Element Condition Ranking**

- Exterior Masonry 3
- First Floor Wood Joist System 2
- Second Floor Wood Joist System 4

#### **Additional Comments & Observations**

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#### **BUILDING SURVEY**



#### PROPERTY EVALUATED: 2002 Main St Niagara Falls, NY 14305

SURVEY DATE: 10.17.2018

CATEGROY	DESCRIPTION	CONDITION (1-5)	ADDITIONAL NOTES
	SITE ANALYSIS		
Neighborhood Type	Commercial		
Access From Street	Pedestrian access		
Parking	Street parking		
Walks	On (2) sides of building (East & South)		
	CONSTRUCTION TYPE, SYSTEMS,	FINISHES	
Construction Type	III - Mix of combustible & non-combustible		
Foundations	Stone	4	
Frame	Wood framed w/ masonry bearing walls	2	
Roof	Not observed	?	
Exterior Walls	Masonry w/ stone or concrete panels	3	
Windows & Doors	Original storefront 1st floor & wood windows 2nd floor	2	
Interiors			
Walls	Walls Plaster		
Ceilings	Ceilings Plaster/ACT		
Floors	None	1	
	ACCESSIBILITY		
Elevator(s)	No		
Plumbing	No accessible plumbing facilities were observed		
Building Access	Yes - from Main St.		

See attached photos



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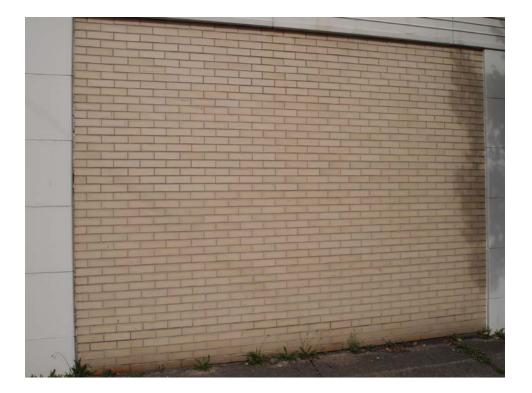




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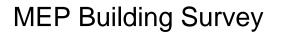




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Building Name:	uilding Name: 2002 Main St.			Date:	3	
Occupancy Type:						
Square Feet: 6,	736	Stories Tall:	2	Year	r Built:	1932

#### **General Overall Condition:**

Observations of the building's MEP systems overall appear to be in generally poor condition. Potential renovations would require significant known upgrades in order to meet current codes.

#### **HVAC Observations**

1.	Heating System: Furnace in Basement ducted to 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor inaccessible				
		Condition:	Poor X	Fair	Good
2.	A/C System: None				
		Condition:	Poor	Fair	Good
3.	Ventilation System: <u>None</u>				
		Condition:	Poor	Fair	Good
4.	Temperature Controls: <u>None</u>				
		Condition:	Poor	Fair	Good
Plum	bing/Fire Protection Observations				
	<u></u>				
5.	Domestic Water Service: 1-1/2 in. service in Baseme	ent with met	er Booster	Pump: Y	N
	1 in. copper distribution, piping				
	in poor condition, some missing BFP: Y N	X Condition	Poor X	Fair	Good
6.	Fire Water Service: None	_	Fire	Pump: Y	N
	BFP: Y N	Condition	Poor	Fair	Good
7.	Natural Gas Service: 2 in. service in Basement, se	tup for five	(5) meters, o	nly three (3	) meters
	present, 1-1/4 in. or 3/4 in. distribution piping	Condition:	Poor	Fair X	Good
8.	Domestic Hot Water System: <u>Gas-fired tank type</u> , 40	gallon capa	acity, no reci	rculation	
		Condition:	Poor X	Fair	Good
9.	Sanitary Sewer System: Limited visible PVC and ca	st iron pipin	g		
		Condition:	Poor	Fair X	Good
10.	Storm Water Sewer/Roof Drainage System: Not obser	rved			
		Condition:	Poor	Fair	Good
11.	Plumbing Fixtures: None observed				
		Condition:	Poor	Fair	Good
12.	Sprinkler/Standpipe System: None	- 			
		Condition:	Poor	Fair	Good

### MEP Building Survey



#### **Electrical Observations**

13.	Electrical Service Overhead Underground	X Meter Location Inside X Outside
	Voltage: 208 240 480 Other Amp	acity: 100 225 400 _X _ Other
	400A main disconnect	Condition: Poor X Fair Good
14.	Electrical Distribution: Fuses Breakers	Three (3) meters. Fused disconnect with
	each meter	Condition: Poor X Fair Good
15.	Backup Power: Gas Diesel Battery	None
		Condition: Poor Fair Good
16.	Lighting: T12 fluorescent	
		Condition: Poor X Fair Good
17.	Emergency Lighting: No emergency lighting visible	
		Condition: Poor Fair Good
18.	Tel/Data:	nent.
		Condition: Poor X Fair Good
19.	Fire Alarm System: Heat detectors. Inoperable sy	vstem.
		Condition: Poor X Fair Good
20.	CO Detection: None	
		Condition: Poor Fair Good
21.	Other Systems:	
		Condition: Poor Fair Good

#### Additional Comments/ Code Issues

Prioperty is vacant and has been left in severe disrepair. Re-use of MEP systems is not feasible.



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#### 2002 Main Street – Assessment Date of Site Visit: October 17, 2018

<u>Brief Description of Property</u>: A currently vacant 2 story building built in 1932, formerly used as a store.

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