

Historical building City hall in Novi Grad

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HISTORICAL BUILDING CITY HALL in
Novi Grad, Bosanski Novi

Inventory reference number(s):

Provisional List of National Monuments
No.:116

Building type(s):

Architectural monument, City Hall

Main date(s):

Constructed in 1892

Current use(s):

Not in use

Significance:

The Town Hall in Novi Grad is one of the most important and valuable historic buildings in the entire municipality. It was erected in 1892, on the bank of the Una, by the bridge that now constitutes the border crossing between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia. It was built of cut stone in the neo-Moorish style. In the late 1980s the building was allocated to the use of the Regional Museum of Bosanski Novi, and was also entered in the register of cultural monuments of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The building suffered earthquake damage in 1969 and 1982. In the 1980s the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments of Banja Luka drew up a project to repair the building, but the repairs were not carried out. The building suffered further damage during the recent war.

Categories of significance:

Of outstanding national importance

Categories of ownership or interest:

Of national interest

Documentation and bibliographic references:

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Condition:

Very bad: Two of the load-bearing walls of the building have collapsed, parts of the roof structure and roof cladding are cracked, and all the woodwork is damaged. Large cracks are visible on the facade of the building. The building has been out of use since 1995 as a result of this serious damage.

Amount of war or associated damage:

Suffered more than 30% of roof damage, with significant damage of walls, but can be repaired.

Risk:

The building is at risk of rapid deterioration as a result of lack of regular maintenance. The building is also at risk of further deterioration due to the insufficiency of means and will to execute the project of conservation.

Condition risk:

Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric, solution agreed but not begun

Technical assessment and costing:

A project for urgent protection measures from further deterioration needs to be prepared, as well as projects for the next phase of protection – project of sanitation, conservation and restoration.

The following measures and works shall be applied to the National Monument:

- structural repair and restoration to its original appearance with all the structural elements of the building as they were: roof, foundations, walls, ceilings, and all interior and exterior elements;
- the structural repairs and restoration shall be carried out by consolidation of existing material or its replacement by material of the same type, same dimensions and form with the use of the same building techniques wherever possible, on the basis of documentation on its original form ;
- prior to the start of structural restoration works the structural stability of the building shall be studied;
- structural consolidation of all walls and structural elements;
- consolidation of existing cut stones by injection or replacement by identical cut stones;
- structural repairs to all floor and roof structures, replacing age-dilapidated material with the same material of the same dimensions, worked in the same way and using the same techniques;
- restore authentic arrangement;
- plaster all interior walls with lime plaster made using old methods and whitewash all walls;
- repair all woodwork, replace rotten parts and treat with natural protective substances;

Costing proposals for projects and consolidation and restoration works have not been done.

Ownership:

The building is owned by the Municipality.

Occupation:

Not occupied.

Management:

The provisions relating to protection and rehabilitation measures set forth by the Law on the Implementation of the Decisions of the Commission to Preserve National Monuments, established pursuant to Annex 8 of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of Republika Srpska no. 9/02) shall apply to the National Monument.

In accordance to the Law, the Government of the Republika Srpska shall be responsible for ensuring the legal, scientific, technical, administrative and financial measures necessary to protect, conserve, display and rehabilitate the National Monument.

Further, the Government of the Republika Srpska, the Ministry responsible for town planning of the Republika Srpska, the heritage protection authority of the Republika Srpska, and the Municipal Authorities in charge of urban planning and land registry affairs, shall be notified by the Decision issued by the Commission to carry out the measures stipulated above (Technical assessment and costing). The authorised Municipal Court shall be notified for the purposes of registration in the Land Register

Summary:

The Town Hall in Novi Grad is one of the most important and valued historic buildings in the entire municipality Bosanski Novi (Novi grad).

The priority level of intervention is *high*.

NOTE:

Condition
Very bad

Condition risk
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Criteria employed for the Priority Intervention List:

- The monuments are designated as national monuments,
- They represent rare or unique examples of the typology or chronological - stylistic corpus,
- They were damaged/destroyed during the 1992-1995 war in BiH or they were endangered by the post war conditions (illegal constructions, lack of funding for restoration and maintenance, inexpert reconstruction,) and are subject to further deterioration,
- Their restoration will encourage the return process in BiH,
- Their restoration will support development of the region.

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