Georgetown City Hall

Guyana

Resembling a small castle in the heart of Guyana's capital, Georgetown City Hall has historically been the office of the mayor and city council. Built in the late nineteenth century in the Gothic Revival style the building was constructed using local timber, cast iron columns, and a hammer-beam roof. The building is a local landmark and is representative of tropical colonial architecture during a time of great public building. It is thought to be one of the best examples of British Victorian architecture in the Caribbean and is one of a group of buildings in Georgetown considered for inclusion on a heritage trail.

Public areas of Georgetown City Hall are now empty and closed, and the structure is in a state of deterioration due to a lack of resources and awareness about its significance. The city hall represents the wooden built heritage of the region from a time of important civic building. Its preservation and reuse would not only open the structure for additional functions and ensure its long-term stewardship, but would also advance knowledge of traditional craftsmanship in the region.