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2775 Rowatt Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Designation of 2775 Rowatt Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

This letter is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of April 17, 2024, approved the following recommendation in respect of the above-noted item:

That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate 2775 Rowatt Street under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value.

A copy of the complete report in this matter, as well as the Minutes of the City Council meeting of April 17, 2024, can be found on the City's website at ottawa.ca/agendas.

Enclosed is the Notice of Intention to Designate, served according to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, to be published online at Ottawa.ca/heritagenotices on April 19, 2024. You will have 30 days from the publication date, until May 19, 2024, to file an objection to the designation. Should you wish to object to the designation, you may do so by submitting a notice of objection in writing, outlining the reasons for the objection and any other relevant information. The notice must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa within 30 days after the online publication of this notice.

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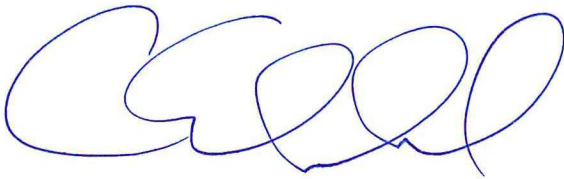
The notice of objection can be submitted via email to CityClerk-HeritageObjections@ottawa.ca, or via registered mail or in-person delivery, by appointment, at the following coordinates:

Caitlin Salter MacDonald, City Clerk
c/o Mélanie Blais, Committee Coordinator
110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1, mail code 01-71

To make an appointment, please contact Mélanie Blais, Committee Coordinator at (613) 580-2424, ext. 27005, or at melanie.blais@ottawa.ca. When an objection has been received, City Council will consider the objection including all relevant information within 90 days after the end of the objection period. After consideration of the objection, Council may decide to withdraw the Notice of Intention to Designate or to pass a by-law designating the property under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Should Council pass a by-law to designate the property, there will be further correspondence from the City on how you may appeal this decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Should you require further information, please contact Ashley Kotarba, Heritage Planner, at (613) 580-2424, ext. 23582 or by email at ashley.kotarba@ottawa.ca.

Regards,



Caitlin Salter MacDonald
City Clerk

c.c. Lesley Collins, City of Ottawa (lesley.collins@ottawa.ca)
Ashley Kotarba, City of Ottawa (ashley.kotarba@ottawa.ca)
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust (registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca)

Encl.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 2775 ROWATT STREET AS A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST, PURSUANT TO SECTION 29 (3) OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18*

DATED AND PUBLISHED at the City of Ottawa this 19th day of April, 2024

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Ottawa, on April 17, 2024 established its intention to designate 2775 Rowatt Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

2775 Rowatt Street is a cross gabled two storey vernacular style residence located on the northwest corner of Rowatt Street and Kirby Road in Britannia Village, Ottawa.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

2775 Rowatt Street has design value as a representative example of Britannia's vernacular style cottage shortly before Britannia's peak as summer resort from 1900-1914. Constructed around 1890, the building exemplifies the vernacular cottage with its use of natural materials and wraparound verandah around the south and east façades, with an elaboration through its complex and picturesque massing and central second storey porch. These physical characteristics demonstrate the Late Victorian desire for functional seasonal cottages with a strong focus on transitional spaces from the exterior to the interior.

2775 Rowatt Street has associative value due to its connection to the first homeowner, Robert Burland, who significantly contributed to the cottage community at Britannia. Robert Burland was an early summer resident from the 1890s onwards. He was a highly involved member of the Britannia Boat House Club which included fundraising for the construction of the original 1896 clubhouse, today's Britannia Yacht Club that remains a central community building. Robert also assisted establishing the second church in Britannia, St. Stephen's Anglican.

2775 Rowatt Street reflects the work of locally known carpenter and builder, Charles Robinson who worked throughout Britannia and Ottawa. He is credited with constructing several cottages in Britannia including 154 Britannia Road and 95 Kirby Road, and his aesthetic and elaboration on the basic form, heavily contributed to Britannia's vernacular style cottage. Robinson's other local projects included St. Stephen's Anglican Church and renovating Jamieson's Old Mill, both important buildings to the early cottage community.

2775 Rowatt Street contributes to the early cottage character of Britannia as a late nineteenth and early twentieth century summer resort. Built circa 1890, the architectural features of the house, retention of its original form, use of natural materials, along with the lot's mature trees, casual landscaping, and setback, contribute to supporting Britannia's early cottage stock.

2775 Rowatt Street contributes to the early historical context of Britannia's cottage community preceding its golden period from 1900 to 1914. Before the extension of the streetcars to Britannia in 1900, the summer resort was frequented by Ottawa's well-to-do

citizens who could afford their house in the city in addition to cottage at Britannia and could travel between the two for work. The date of construction for 2775 Rowatt Street demonstrates this group of early residents as the first homeowners, Robert and Julia Burland, owned a house in Ottawa along with their summer cottage in Britannia, and Robert's career with the American Bank Note Company meant he could afford to travel between his two homes.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the heritage value of 2775 Rowatt Street as a representative example of Britannia's vernacular cottage built prior its peak as a summer resort include:

- Two storey massing with side gable roof
- Open wooden wraparound verandah on south and east façades with arched spandrels
- Open second storey porch with cedar shingles on the gable end, simple columns, arched spandrels, and railing clad in cedar shingles
- Decorative red brick chimney

Key attributes that demonstrate 2775 Rowatt Street's contextual value are:

- The proximity and western sightline to Britannia Bay contribute to its desirable location as a cottage
- Located across the street from 95 Kirby Road, another house constructed by local builder, Charles Robinson, who developed the elaboration of the Britannia vernacular style cottage

The interior of the building and any additions or outbuildings are excluded in this designation.

OBJECTIONS

Please be advised that any person wishing to object to this designation may do so under the objection process set out in Section 29 (5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by giving the Clerk of the City of Ottawa, within 30 days after the online publication of this notice, a notice of objection outlining the reasons for the objection and any other relevant information.

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