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Attn: [REDACTED]

Re: Notice of passage of By-law 2022-328 to designate the Hart Massey House, 400 Lansdowne Road North, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Ottawa City Council, at its meeting held on September 21, 2022, passed By-law 2022-328, designating the Hart Massey House, 400 Lansdowne Road North, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as a property of cultural heritage value. Please find enclosed a copy of the by-law, including the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Attributes, for the property.

Notice of the passage of By-law 2022-328 will be published in the Ottawa Citizen and in Le Droit, both newspapers having general circulation in Ottawa, on October 8th, 2022.

Please be advised that any person who wishes to object to the by-law may do so by appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal by giving the Tribunal and the Clerk of the City of Ottawa, within 30 days after the newspaper publication, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection.

The notice of appeal can be sent by registered mail to the City Clerk at 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 1J1, or can be delivered in person, by appointment, at the following coordinates:

M. Rick O'Connor, City Clerk
c/o Eric Pelot, Committee Coordinator
110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1, mail code 01-71

To make an appointment, please contact Eric Pelot, Committee Coordinator at (613) 580-2424, ext. 22953, or at eric.pelot@ottawa.ca.

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If no appeals are given, By-law 2022-328 will come into force on November 8th, 2022 and be registered on title. A copy of the registered by-law will be served on the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Should you require further information, please contact Avery Marshall, Heritage Register Coordinator directly at avery.marshall@ottawa.ca or 613-580-2424 x 25875.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick O'Connor', written in a cursive style.

Deputy Clerk for M. Rick O'Connor, CMO
City Clerk

cc: Avery Marshall, Heritage Register Coordinator, City of Ottawa (by email)
Adrian van Wyk, Heritage Planner, City of Ottawa (by email)
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust (by email to registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca)

Encl.

BY-LAW NO. 2022 - 328

A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate the Hart Massey House, 400 Lansdowne Road North, to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

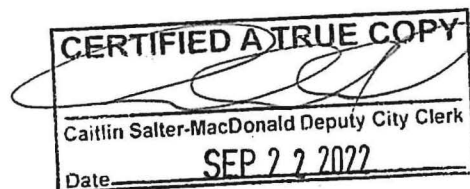
AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Ottawa has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as 400 Lansdowne Road North (more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto), and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate published in the *Ottawa Citizen* and *Le Droit* on July 16, 2022, newspapers having a general circulation in the City of Ottawa;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the statement of cultural heritage value or interest and description of heritage attributes reasons for designation are set out as Schedule "B" hereto;

THEREFORE the Council of the City of Ottawa, enacts as follows:

1. The real property known municipally as 400 Lansdowne Road North, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes are set out as Schedule "B" hereto.
3. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry office.
4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owners of the property described in Schedule "A", and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Ottawa.

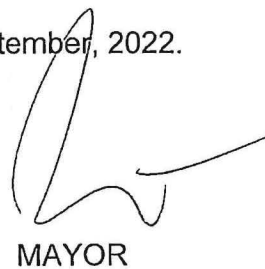


5. The schedules attached hereto and marked Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" form part of this By-law, and all notations, references and other information contained therein shall be as much a part of this By-law as if all the matters and information set forth by the said Schedules were all fully described herein.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 21st day of September, 2022.



DEPUTY CITY CLERK



MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A"

PIN 04228-0264

PT BLK 13, PL 92, AS IN CT255335; CITY OF OTTAWA
400 LANSDOWNE RD

SCHEDULE "B"

Description of Property

The Hart Massey House, 400 Lansdowne Road is a two-storey, detached, steel-framed house constructed in 1959. The property is located on the east side of Lansdowne Road along the western shore of McKay Lake in the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District in Ottawa. The property was designated as a National Historic Site of Canada in 2018 for its role as an iconic example of Modern architecture in Canada.

Cultural Heritage Value

The Hart Massey House has cultural heritage value as an iconic example of the Modern style of architecture in Canada, its artistic merit in exhibiting qualities of this style in the Canadian context, for its associations with award-winning architect, Hart Massey, and its importance in supporting the character of the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District.

The Hart Massey House has design value as a unique and iconic residential example of the International style of architecture, which was popular in the mid-20th century. The house reflects some of the purest qualities of this style in a distinctly Canadian context through its simple, unadorned design, construction methods and materials, and sensitive siting within its natural environment. Its artistic merit lies in its stripped-down design and subordination to its surroundings, which are purposely informal in nature. Although defined by straight lines and precise geometry, the architectural expression of the house is an extension of the surrounding landscape, its large expanses of glass creating a continuity of indoor and outdoor space typical of the style.

The Massey House is directly associated with award-winning architect, Hart Massey, who designed the house as a residence for his family in 1959. The son of Governor General Vincent Massey, he is credited with designing many Modernist landmarks in Ottawa including several buildings at Carleton University's campus, the pavilions at Vincent Massey Park and the now-demolished Sir John Carling Building. Massey received numerous awards for his work including the 1964 Massey Medal for this house, then Canada's highest honour for architecture. The Hart Massey House also yields information that contributes to the understanding of the evolution of Rockcliffe Park, which underwent significant demographic, social and physical changes in the 1950s, yet retained the essential characteristics that define it as a Heritage Conservation District.

The Hart Massey House has contextual value in supporting the character of Rockcliffe Park, as it remains subordinate to its natural environment despite its distinct architectural design. Given its orientation towards the lake and its

sensitivity to the natural environment, the house is a defining feature of the shoreline of McKay Lake.

Through its sensitive siting and use of large expanses of glass it is physically and visually connected to its surroundings, creating a juxtaposition of simple geometric forms in a picturesque landscape. The house is also a local and regional landmark.

Heritage Attributes

The key exterior elements that contribute to the design or physical value of 400 Lansdowne Road as an excellent residential example of the Modern style include its:

- Minimalist massing and rectilinear plan consisting of modular boxes, matte black steel structural columns, soffits and trim, opaque white wood cladding, glass walls and flat roof
- Orientation towards McKay Lake, entirely elevated above steep unaltered slopes, and supported by thin steel columns
- Low profile two-storey structure fitted unobtrusively into the landscape, comprised of rectangular upper storey, parallel to Lansdowne Road, extending beyond lower storey; and lower storey, below street level, with arm extending towards lake, perpendicular to the street
- Floor-to-ceiling windows with simple, narrow window frames
- Rear elevation with subtle fenestration facing Lansdowne Road, giving the appearance of an opaque wall
- Lower-storey front entry with red front door, accessed by a narrow walkway connected with a large deck open on three sides
- Simple minimalist black matte railings
- Integrated upper-storey garage with doors designed to be subtly hidden within the structure
- Row of uniform triangular skylights running along its roofline
- Simple black matte exterior light fixtures

The key interior elements that contribute to the design or physical value of 400 Lansdowne Road as an excellent residential example of the Modern style include its:

- Lower-storey open plan layout, with black steel beams and interior partition walls that do not meet the ceiling
- Black matte steel circular staircase lit by a circular light well
- Black matte dumbwaiter mechanism on the upper storey
- Size and shape of interior light wells

The key exterior elements that contribute to the contextual value of 400 Lansdowne Road include its:

- Location on steep, unaltered sloping grades with natural riverstone beds beneath the house

- Wooded setting with large mature trees, shrubs, native plants and perennials
- Dry stone walls and related stone stairways
- Simple, informal gardens designed to flow down the slopes in a naturalistic way
- The view of the house from the eastern shore of McKay Lake

