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January 31, 2020

HMCS Bytown Officers' Mess
78 Lisgar Street
Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0C1

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Notice of passage of Designation By-law 2019-457 for Magee House (HMCS Bytown Officers' Mess), 78 Lisgar Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

City Council, at its meeting held on December 11, 2019, passed By-law 2019-457 designating Magee House (HMCS Bytown Officers' Mess), 78 Lisgar Street 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. The designation by-law will now be registered on title.

Should you require further information, please contact Sally Coutts, Heritage Planner at (613)580-2424, ext. 13474 or sally.coutts@ottawa.ca

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Rick O'Connor'.

M. Rick O'Connor, CMO
City Clerk

cc: Sally Coutts, Heritage Planner, Heritage and Urban Design Services (by email)
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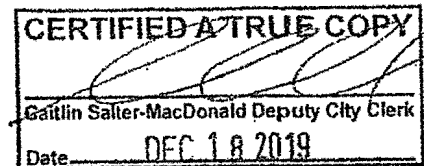
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BY-LAW NO. 2019 - 457



A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate Magee House (currently HMCS Bytown Officers' Mess), 78 Lisgar Street, 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 78 Lisgar Street (more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto), and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate to be published in the Ottawa Community News and Le Droit, newspapers having a general circulation in the City of Ottawa, on December 11 and 12, 2014;

AND WHEREAS all notices of objection to the said proposed designation have been withdrawn;

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:

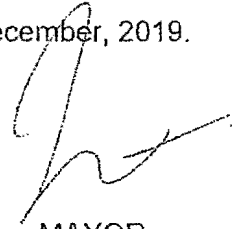
1. The real property known municipally as 78 Lisgar Street and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or interest and description of Heritage Attributes set out as Schedule "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 11th day of December, 2019.



CITY CLERK



MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A"

PT LTS 66 & 67, PL 14350, S/S LISGAR ST, AS IN CR 242977; OTTAWA

SCHEDULE "B"

Description of property

The Magee House, 78 Lisgar Street, now known as HMCS Bytown, is a large two-and-a-half-storey red brick structure built in 1895 and located at the north end of the Centretown neighbourhood.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Magee House's cultural heritage value lies in its being an excellent example of the Queen Anne Revival style popular at the end of the 19th century and frequently used for the houses of the wealthy. It was designed by Toronto architect Mathew Sheard and, typical of the Queen Anne Revival, features an irregular plan with a cross gable roof, projecting bays, and a rich profusion of wooden details including carved bracketed bargeboards, shingles in the gable end, and a dentilled cornice. The building also features a rich assortment of window types, a two storey gabled bay with decorative bargeboard, and two chimneys with brick details that are repeated in the string courses. It is one of a pair of Queen Anne Revival houses on Lisgar Street (66 and 78) owned by members of the Magee family.

The Magee House's cultural heritage value also lies in its association with Charles Magee, a prominent Ottawa businessman. Magee was born in Ottawa in 1840 and started his career in the dry goods business. In 1871 he became the sole trustee of the Sparks Estate, and eventually became a large landholder, selling his lots as the city developed. He founded the Bank of Ottawa and served as a city councillor and as a member of many boards. Magee moved to this house after creating a lot from a previous house directly to the south and building a new house on it, adjacent to his daughter's house next door at 66 Lisgar Street.

The Magee House also has cultural heritage value as HMCS Bytown, the naval officers' mess since 1943 when it was purchased from Frederick Magee, Charles's son. Additions have been constructed to the east and south facades of the building to accommodate its use as a mess.

Heritage Attributes

Key elements of the Magee House that embody it as an excellent example of the Queen Anne Revival style include its:

- Red brick construction
- Rich palette of materials including decorative red brick, wooden shingles in the gable end, carved bracketed bargeboard
- Chimneys with brick detail

- High cross-gabled roof and roofline
- Shingled gable ends
- Corbelled cornice with brackets and dentils
- Wooden bargeboard trim in the gable ends
- Rich variety of windows including round and square headed windows with brick voussoirs
- Transom windows, round arched windows
- Two storey, west facing gabled bay with wooden trim and decorative bargeboard
- Paired sash windows with classical cornice, separated by pairs of engaged columns in the north gable end
- Rough cut stone foundation

Interior

- Its entrance vestibule and hall with its central staircase featuring milled wooden details, turned balusters, and decorative wooden ceiling
- The original decorative elements of the reception rooms to the west (right) of the hall, including the two fireplaces, the plaster ceiling in the north west room, and the decorative door frame separating the two rooms.

The entire interior except for the inclusions named above is excluded from this designation.

The flat-roofed, one storey addition constructed in 1991 to the south of the building is not included in this designation.

The three storey addition including a staircase and barrier free elevator constructed in 2002 located on the east façade of the building is not included in this designation.

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Enacted by City Council at its meeting of December 11, 2019.

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COUNCIL AUTHORITY:
City Council November 26, 2014
Agenda Item 1
PC Report No. 79