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February 5, 2020

[REDACTED]  
1824 Farwel Street  
Vars, Ontario K0A 3H0

Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: Designation of the former Traders Bank of Canada, 1824 Farwel Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act***

This is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of January 29, 2020, approved the following recommendation in respect of the above-noted item:

**That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the property located at 1824 Farwel Street as a property of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value attached as Document 4.**

A copy of the complete report in this matter, as well as the Disposition/Minutes of the City Council meeting of January 29, 2020, can be found on the City's website at [ottawa.ca/agendas](http://ottawa.ca/agendas).

Enclosed is the Notice of Intention to Designate, served according to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, to be published in *Le Droit* and the *Ottawa Citizen* on February 7, 2020. You will have 30 days from the publication date to file an objection to the designation.

Should you require further information, please contact Anne Fitzpatrick, Planner II, directly at (613) 580-2400, 25651 or by email at [anne.fitzpatrick@ottawa.ca](mailto:anne.fitzpatrick@ottawa.ca).

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Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Rick O'Connor", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

M. Rick O'Connor, CMO, LLB  
City Clerk

c.c. Anne Fitzpatrick, Planner II (by email)  
Ontario Heritage Trust (10 Adelaide Street East, 3rd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5C  
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Encl.

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

### Notice of Intention to Designate

The City of Ottawa, on January 29, 2020, established its intention to designate 1824 Farwel Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

### Description of Property – 1824 Farwel Street, Vars

*1824 Farwel Street* is a two-storey building, constructed as a bank, located in the village of Vars on the south side of Farwel Street east of Buckland Road and west of Suprenant Walk.

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

*1824 Farwel Street* has architectural value as a good example of a village commercial bank building of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The building was constructed in 1910 by the Traders Bank of Canada and is the only remaining brick commercial building in the village. Architectural features characteristic of the type include its side hall plan, balanced façade featuring large main-floor windows, brick cladding and flat, sloping roof. The Traders Bank of Canada constructed a number of similar detached branch buildings across the province during a period of expansion in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

*1824 Farwel Street* has historical value for its associations with the Traders Bank of Canada, the Royal Bank of Canada and with the history of Vars as a railway village that prospered in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The Traders Bank primarily served agricultural communities in southern Ontario, though a few branches were located in villages around Ottawa. Vars developed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century around the Canada Atlantic Railway line between Ottawa and Montreal, and, by the time the bank was constructed, was a thriving community with several stores, a hotel, sawmill and cheese factory. The Traders Bank of Canada was acquired by the Royal Bank of Canada in 1912, and the Vars branch operated until the late 1950s. By this time, the cancellation of regular passenger rail service to and from Ottawa, improvements to roads and increasing automobile ownership allowed greater access to shops and services in Ottawa and signaled the decline of the village's commercial centre.

The building's contextual value lies in its location on a secondary commercial street adjacent to the village's main street and reflects the prosperity of the village at the time of its construction.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior elements that contribute to the heritage value of the former Traders Bank as an early 20<sup>th</sup> century village commercial building include its:

- Rectangular, side hall plan;

- Red brick cladding;
- Raised foundation;
- Symmetrical fenestration pattern;
- Segmental arch window and door openings with brick voussoirs;
- Wide entry with transom;
- Projecting metal cornice;
- Flat, sloping roof; and
- Concrete porch with iron railings

The interior of the building is not included in this designation.

## **OBJECTIONS**

Any person wishing to object to this designation may do so by letter, outlining the reasons for the objection and any other relevant information. This letter must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa either by registered mail or personally delivered within 30 days of the publication of this notice. When a notice of objection has been received, the Council of the City of Ottawa will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

For further information or a complete copy of the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value please contact:

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