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Attn: Mary Jarvis, MCIP, RPP, Director, Real Estate, (National Capital Region)

**Re: Designation of the Booth Street Complex, 552-568 Booth Street and 405 Rochester Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act***

Dear Ms. Jarvis,

This is to advise you that the Council of the City of Ottawa, at its meeting of March 6, 2019, approved the following recommendation as contained in Planning Committee Report 3, Item 4:

**That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the Booth Street Complex, 552-568 Booth Street and 405 Rochester Street, as a property of cultural heritage value under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* according to the revised Statement of Cultural Heritage Value, attached as Document 10.**

A copy of the original report in its entirety, as well as the Disposition of the City Council meeting of March 6, 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 March 29, 2019. You will have 30 days from the publication date to file an objection to the designation.

Should you require further information, please contact Sally Coutts, Senior Heritage Planner, Planning, Infrastructure & Economic Development Department, directly at (613) 580- 2424, extension 13474 or by email at [Sally.Coutts@ottawa.ca](mailto:Sally.Coutts@ottawa.ca).

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*

### **Notice of Intention to Designate**

The City of Ottawa on March 6, 2019 established its intention to designate the Booth Street Complex, 552-568 Booth Street and 405 Rochester Street, located on the block bounded by Booth Street, Orangeville Street, Rochester Street and Norman Street under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value.

### **Description of Property – Booth Street Complex**

The Booth Street Complex, 552-568 Booth Street and 405 Rochester Street, is located on the block bounded by Booth Street, Orangeville Street, Rochester Street and Norman Street.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The Booth Street Complex is a collection of seven buildings comprising 17 individual linked structures. It is located on the block bounded by Booth Street, Orangeville Street, Rochester Street and Norman Streets to the west and south of Ottawa's downtown core in what was formerly an industrial area. The 2.6-hectare property comprises a number of buildings constructed by the Department of Mines (forerunner of Natural Resources Canada) between 1909 and 1952 to house offices, laboratories and research facilities to support the federal government's Department of Mines research in fuels, metals, metallurgy and explosives. The site was active from 1909 until the early 2000s.

The Booth Street Complex has cultural heritage value for the role it played in the development of the Canadian mining and energy industries in the 20th century by the federal Department of Mines and its successor departments, its association with the prominent Ottawa architect W. E. Noffke, the federal Department of Mines and the former semi-industrial area related to the railway tracks, located west of the city at the time of development.

The Booth Street Complex has design value as an Ottawa example of a federal government complex designed and built to house offices, laboratories and research facilities to support the federal government's Department of Mines research in fuels,

metals, metallurgy and explosives for research purposes. The Complex also has design value for its common architectural expression illustrated in the consistent use of red brick, classicizing details and flat roofs. Constructed over a period of 43 years, the buildings of the complex are united by the consistent use of red brick and concrete and classically inspired design details.

The Booth Street Complex has historical value as a major centre of government research in fuels and minerals, and the site of laboratories, offices and testing facilities associated with the development of Canada's mining and energy industries. Headquartered here, the Mines Branch and its successor departments worked to develop Canada's mining industries, a vital part of the Canadian economy.

The buildings in the Complex were built from 1909 until 1952, largely under the supervision of local architect W.E. Noffke, a prolific 20<sup>th</sup> century Ottawa architect known for his versatility and ease with residential, commercial and government buildings.

Situated on a site of 2.6 hectares, the Booth Street Complex is a well-known landmark, which has been associated with the Department of Mines and its successor departments since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Initially surrounded by a semi-industrial area characterized by small industries, rail and lumber yards, interspersed with working class housing, the complex is now a character-defining element of the area, and is well known across the city. Its historic association with Natural Resources Canada buildings across the street, and the long-term presence of the entire complex have defined the character of this part of the city since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## **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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