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Peter Radke
Director, Corporate Real Estate Office
City of Ottawa
110 Laurier Avenue West
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Dear Mr. Radke,

Re: Designation of Central Park, 630 Bank Street and 19 Clemow Avenue under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

City Council, at its meeting held on September 26, 2019 approved the following recommendation of the Built Heritage Sub-Committee contained in Built Heritage Sub-Committee Minutes 3, Item 5, with reference to the above-noted matter:

That the Built Heritage Sub-Committee recommend that Council approve the issuance a Notice of Intention to Designate Central Park, 630 Bank Street and 19 Clemow Avenue under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value attached as Document 10.

Enclosed is the Notice of Intention to Designate served according to the Act to be published in the Ottawa Citizen and Le Droit on October 4, 2019. You have 30 days from the publication date to file an objection to the designation.

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Should you require further information, please contact Lesley Collins, Planner II, Heritage and Urban Design Services, directly at 613-580-2424, extension 21586.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caitlin Salter-MacDonald', with a stylized, flowing script.

Caitlin Salter-MacDonald
Deputy City Clerk, on behalf of:

M. Rick O'Connor, CMO

City Clerk and Solicitor

cc: Lesley Collins, Planner II, Heritage and Urban Design Services (by email)

Ontario Heritage Trust, 10 Adelaide Street East, 3rd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1J3
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In the Matter of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Notice of Intention to Designate

The City of Ottawa on September 25, 2019 established its intention to designate the property at 630 Bank Street and 19 Clemow Avenue under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value.

Description of Property

Central Park is a large park constructed as part of the Ottawa Improvement Commission's (OIC) driveway and parkway system. Completed in 1912, on land drained from Patterson Creek, the park runs on an angle from northwest to southeast, along the line of the former creek bed in the north end of the Glebe. Central Park is bounded by O'Connor Street in the east and Lyon Street in the west, and to the north and south it is bounded by several streets including Patterson, Glebe, Powell, Renfrew, Rosebery and Chamberlain Avenues.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Central Park has cultural heritage value for its association with the OIC and Frederick Todd, an early Canadian landscape architect, its design value as a large park designed for passive recreation, its contextual value as a landmark and its role in defining the character of the north end of the Glebe.

Central Park has associative value as a good example of the early work of the OIC, the predecessor to the National Capital Commission. Established in 1899, the OIC was responsible for many beautification projects in Ottawa in the early 20th century. Completed in 1912, Central Park was one of the first parks developed by the OIC.

Central Park is also associated with the work of Canada's first resident landscape architect, Frederick Todd. Todd apprenticed with the renowned firm of Olmstead and Eliot and moved to Montreal in 1900. In 1903 Todd was hired by the OIC to prepare a parks plan for the capital and one of the recommendations of his plan was the creation of a regional parks system including "Patterson Creek Park." Todd was responsible for a wide range of projects across the country in the early 20th century including the Île de Ste. Hélène Park in Montreal, Bowring Park in St. John's, and Shaughnessy Heights in Vancouver.

Central Park has design value as a large park designed for passive recreation, reflecting the City Beautiful movement of the early 20th century and the desire for the beautification of the national capital. While the location of the park is attributed to Todd, the OIC did not follow through on his design recommendations which stated that "...its present natural character should determine to a great extent its future treatment.¹ " Instead the park was designed with formal walking paths, expanses of lawn, benches and flower beds.

Central Park has contextual value as a defining feature at the north end of the Glebe. East of Bank Street, the Clemow Estate development is arranged around Patterson Creek and Central Park with houses fronting and backing onto the park. West of Bank Street, steps and pathways bridge the grade change between the park and the surrounding streets. Furthermore, as the largest park in the neighbourhood and for its location on both sides of Bank Street, Central Park has contextual value as a landmark in the neighbourhood.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The design and associative values of Central Park are illustrated through its:

- Asymmetrical shape, and location at a lower grade than surrounding streets reflecting the former Patterson Creek bed.
- Layout of stone dust pathways in the original configuration.
- Mix of mature deciduous and coniferous trees around the perimeter of the park and flanking the pathways.
- Benches and expanses of lawn intended for passive recreation.
- Metal railing and stone wall of Patterson Creek Inlet.
- Simple metal railings along border of park with Bank Street, Lyon Street and Patterson Avenue.
- Stone and concrete steps connecting the park to neighboring streets including Bank Street, O'Connor Street, Rosebery Avenue, Renfrew Avenue, and Lyon Street.

Those attributes of Central Park that illustrate its contextual value include:

- The arrangement of the surrounding houses west of Bank Street at a significantly higher grade above the park, screened by mature trees, particularly along Powell and Renfrew Avenues.
- The smooth transition between the public space of Central Park and the private landscape of the Ambassador Court Apartments west of Bank Street.

OBJECTIONS

Any person wishing to object to this designation may do so by letter, outlining the reasons for the objections and other relevant information. This letter must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa either by registered mail or personally delivered by November 3, 2019

Dated at Ottawa this 3rd day of October, 2019.

City Clerk