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File No. ACS2024-PRE-RHU-0014

January 24, 2024

Bible House  
315 Lisgar Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K2P 0E1

**RECEIVED**  
2024/01/25  
(YYYY/MM/DD)  
Ontario Heritage Trust

Dear Property Owner,

**RE: Designation of the Bible House 315 Lisgar Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act***

This letter is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of January 24, 2024, approved the following recommendation in respect of the above-noted item:

**That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the Bible House, 315 Lisgar Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value.**

A copy of the complete report in this matter, as well as the Minutes of the City Council meeting of January 24, 2024, 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 online at [Ottawa.ca/heritagenotices](http://Ottawa.ca/heritagenotices) on January 26, 2024. You will have 30 days from the publication date, until February 25, 2024, to file an objection to the designation. Should you wish to object to the designation, you may do so by submitting a notice of objection in writing, outlining the reasons for the objection and any other relevant information. The notice must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa within 30 days after the online publication of this notice.

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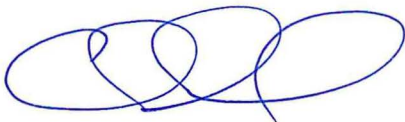
The notice of objection can be submitted via email to [CityClerk-HeritageObjections@ottawa.ca](mailto:CityClerk-HeritageObjections@ottawa.ca), or via registered mail or in-person delivery, by appointment, at the following coordinates:

David White, Interim City Clerk  
c/o Mélanie Blais, Committee Coordinator  
110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1, mail code 01-71

To make an appointment, please contact Mélanie Blais, Committee Coordinator at (613) 580-2424, ext. 27005, or at [melanie.blais@ottawa.ca](mailto:melanie.blais@ottawa.ca). When an objection has been received, City Council will consider the objection including all relevant information within 90 days after the end of the objection period. After consideration of the objection, Council may decide to withdraw the Notice of Intention to Designate or to pass a by-law designating the property under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Should Council pass a by-law to designate the property, there will be further correspondence from the City on how you may appeal this decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Should you require further information, please contact Taylor Quibell, Heritage Planner, at (613) 580-2424 x 74708 or by email at [taylor.quibell@ottawa.ca](mailto:taylor.quibell@ottawa.ca)

Regards,



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Deputy Clerk for David White  
Interim City Clerk

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Encl.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE THE BIBLE HOUSE 315 LISGAR STREET AS A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST, PURSUANT TO SECTION 29 (3) OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

**DATED AND PUBLISHED** at the City of Ottawa this 26th day of January, 2024.

**TAKE NOTICE** that the City of Ottawa, on January 24, 2024, established its intention to designate the Bible House 315 Lisgar Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

The Bible House, 315 Lisgar Street, is a two-storey brick commercial building constructed in 1922, located between Bank and O'Connor Streets in Ottawa's Centretown neighbourhood.

**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

The Bible House has design and physical value as a representative example of an early 20<sup>th</sup> commercial building in Ottawa, with unique ecclesiastical influences reflecting its original use as a Bible House. Constructed in 1922 for the Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Society, the building exhibits typical characteristics of early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial buildings including its brick cladding, traditional storefront with large display window, awning and recessed entrance. The building exhibits unique ecclesiastical influences in its leaded and stained-glass windows, stone window surrounds and decorative stone details. Its original design as a Bible House is evident in the transom window with "Bible House" written in stained glass and the decorative sign in the shape of a book that also says "Bible House."

The property has historical value as a representative work of local architect Lieutenant Colonel Clarence James Burritt. Burritt's large portfolio in Ottawa encompasses a diverse range of projects, including churches, private residences, and most notably, Glebe Community Centre at 690 Lyon Street (formerly St. Paul's Methodist Church).

The Bible House has historical value for its associations with the Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Society and Bible Societies nationwide. Originally owned and operated by the Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Society, the building's purpose centred around printing and distributing religious books and pamphlets. This function contributes to the understanding of the Christian community and how Christianity spread across Ottawa and beyond, reflecting an era when Christianity grew in popularity.

The Bible House also has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings and is a surviving example of an 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial building linked to the Bank Street commercial corridor, one of two important commercial streets in Centretown.

**DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the heritage value of the Bible House as a representative example of a 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial structure with unique ecclesiastical details include:

- Brown brick cladding and stone foundation
- Flat roof and stepped parapet topped in stone
- Segmental arched openings on the east façade
- Front façade expression including its:
  - Traditional storefront with a large display window
  - Recessed front entrance



- Four symmetrical upper storey windows with leading and multiple lites including:
  - Stone window surrounds
  - Lug sills
  - Horizontal stone mullions
  - Undulating stone hood moulding on top of and between windows
- Decorative metal band with a quatrefoil motif on either end
- Retractable awning
- Decorative quatrefoils on either side of the date stone surrounded with decorative brickwork
- 1922 carved date stone surrounded with decorative brickwork
- Hammered glass linear grid leaded transom window with Bible House written in stained glass
- Decorative projecting sign in the shape of a bible that says “Bible House”
- Brick piers that extend down the façade

Key attributes that demonstrate its contextual value include:

- Its location on Lisgar Street between Bank and O’Connor Streets

There are no heritage attributes on the rear façade of the building. The interior of the building is excluded from the designation.

## OBJECTIONS

Please be advised that any person wishing to object to this designation may do so under the objection process set out in Section 29 (5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by giving the Clerk of the City of Ottawa, within 30 days after the online publication of this notice, a notice of objection outlining the reasons for the objection and any other relevant information.

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