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Report No. ACS2024-PRE-RHU-0014

June 7, 2024

Anglican Church of the Messiah  
315 Lisgar Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K2P 0E1

**RECEIVED**  
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Ontario Heritage Trust

Dear Property Owner,

**Re: Notice of passage of By-law 2024-247 to designate the Bible House, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act***

Ottawa City Council, at its meeting held on May 15, 2024 passed the following by-law:

2024-247     A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate the Bible House, 315 Lisgar Street to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

Please find enclosed a copy of the by-law, including the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Attributes, for the property.

Notice of the passage of By-law 2024-247 will be published online at [ottawa.ca/heritagenotices](https://ottawa.ca/heritagenotices) on June 7, 2024.

Please be advised that any person who wishes to object to the by-law may do so by appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal by giving the Tribunal and the Clerk of the City of Ottawa, within 30 days after the online publication of this notice, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection.

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

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

Office of the City Clerk  
City of Ottawa  
110 Laurier Avenue West  
Ottawa, ON K1P 1J1  
[ottawa.ca](https://ottawa.ca)

Direct Line (613) 580-2424 Ext. 28136  
[caitlin.salter-macdonald@ottawa.ca](mailto:caitlin.salter-macdonald@ottawa.ca)

Bureau du greffier municipal  
Ville d'Ottawa  
110, ave. Laurier ouest  
Ottawa (Ontario) K1P 1J1  
[ottawa.ca](https://ottawa.ca)

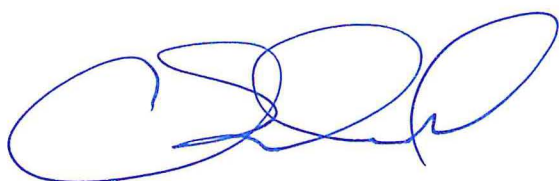
Ligne directe (613) 580-2424 poste 28136  
[caitlin.salter-macdonald@ottawa.ca](mailto:caitlin.salter-macdonald@ottawa.ca)

To make an appointment, please contact Mélanie Blais, Committee Coordinator at (613) 580-2424, ext. 27005, or [melanie.blais@ottawa.ca](mailto:melanie.blais@ottawa.ca).

If no appeals are filed, By-law 2024-247 will come into force on July 8, 2024 and be registered on title. A copy of the registered by-law will be served on the Ontario Heritage Trust.

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)

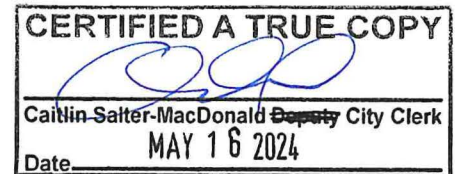
Regards,



Caitlin Salter-MacDonald  
City Clerk

cc: Lauren Luchenski, Built Heritage Research Coordinator, City of Ottawa (by email to [lauren.luchenski@ottawa.ca](mailto:lauren.luchenski@ottawa.ca))  
Taylor Quibell, Heritage Planner, City of Ottawa (by email to [taylor.quibell@ottawa.ca](mailto:taylor.quibell@ottawa.ca))  
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust (by email to [registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca](mailto:registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca))

Encl.



A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate the Bible House, 315 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 notice of intention to designate to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as the Bible House, 315 Lisgar Street (more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto), and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, the said notice being published online on Ottawa.ca on January 26, 2024 as permitted by by-law 2002-522 as amended;

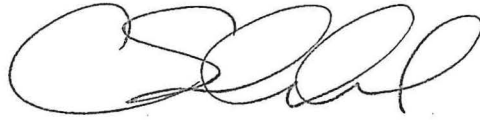
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

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 the Bible House, 315 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 are 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 online on Ottawa.ca as permitted by by-law 2002-522 as amended.
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 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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CITY CLERK

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Sutcliffe" in a cursive script.

MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A"

PIN 04115 – 0240 LT

DESC

PT LT 36, PL 2996 , S/S NEPEAN ST ; PT LTS 35 & 36, PL 2996 , N/S LISGAR ST ;  
PTLT 3, PL 2996 , E/S BANK ST, AS IN NS22251 ; OTTAWA/NEPEAN

## SCHEDULE "B"

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

#### **Description of Property – Bible House, 315 Lisgar Street**

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 of 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 lights 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.

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Enacted by City Council at its meeting of  
May 15, 2024.

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COUNCIL AUTHORITY:  
City Council January 24, 2024  
Agenda Item 12.5  
(Built Heritage Committee Report No. 10)