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Dear [REDACTED],

RE: Designation of the former Vernon Schoolhouse, 8682 Bank Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

This letter is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of September 24, 2025, approved the following recommendation in respect of the above-noted item:

That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the former Vernon Schoolhouse, 8682 Bank 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 September 24, 2025, can be found on the City's website at 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 on October 8, 2025. You will have 30 days from the publication date, until November 7, 2025, 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, or via registered mail or in-person delivery, 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

To make an appointment, please contact Mélanie Blais, Committee Coordinator at (613) 580-2424, ext. 27005, or at 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 Sampoorna Bhattacharya, Heritage Planner, at (613) 580-2424, 21580 or by email at Sampoorna.Bhattacharya@ottawa.ca.

Regards,



Caitlin Salter MacDonald
City Clerk

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Encl.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE THE FORMER VERNON SCHOOLHOUSE, 8682 BANK 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 8th day of October, 2025

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Ottawa, on September 24, 2025, established its intention to designate the former Vernon Schoolhouse, 8682 Bank Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The former Vernon Schoolhouse, 8682 Bank Street is a one-storey, front gable, red brick building. The property is located on the west side of Bank Street, north of the intersection of Bank Street and Lawrence Street, in Vernon within Osgoode Township.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The former Vernon Schoolhouse at 8682 Bank Street is a representative example of the rural one-room-schoolhouse typology of the late nineteenth century found in villages across rural Ottawa, characterized by its one storey massing, brick cladding, symmetrical front façade with front gable roofline, date stone and belfry.

The former Vernon Schoolhouse has historical value because it has direct associations with the theme of rural public education. The building at 8682 Bank Street was purpose-built as S.S. No. 20, Vernon School in 1882 shortly after the introduction of new provincial legislation which established free and mandatory schooling for children aged eight –14, a provincially-approved curriculum, regulatory requirements for teacher training, and guidelines for the design and maintenance of the school buildings. The former Vernon schoolhouse reflects the mid-19th century provincial educational reforms through its documented student attendance, required qualifications for teachers, visits from provincially appointed school inspectors, and physical design. The property also has historical value because it is associated with the Vernon Library which first opened in 1900 and has been housed in this building since 1972.

The former Vernon Schoolhouse has contextual value because it is important in defining and supporting the rural village character of Vernon as part of a cluster of institutional brick and stone buildings from the late-nineteenth to early-twentieth century located along Bank Street, the village's main street. These buildings include the St. George's Anglican Church (1899), the Osgoode Baptist and Vernon United Church (1923), the Osgoode Presbyterian church (1887), the village general store (1877), and a brick farmhouse (c.1889).

Purpose-built as the community's one-room schoolhouse, the property has contextual value because it is historically, functionally and visually linked to the settlement and growth of the rural village of Vernon. The establishment of the schoolhouse can be attributed to the growing population of Vernon in the mid-nineteenth century. Its location provides insight into the pioneer families who settled nearby whose children would attend the school. The former Vernon Schoolhouse is visually linked to its rural surroundings as a well-preserved example of the one-room-schoolhouse typology which were built in rural villages across Ottawa. Formerly the community's one-room-schoolhouse, and now a public library, 8682 Bank Street remains an important gathering space today.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the heritage value of the former Vernon Schoolhouse as a representative example of the rural one-room-schoolhouse typology include:

- One storey massing with front gable roofline
- Red brick construction
- Stone foundation
- Metal roof
- Decorative wooden trim with inverted scallop design under front gable
- Wooden square belfry
- Veranda with central triangular pediment
- Date stone reading "S.S. No. 20 A.D. 1882"
- Symmetrical front (east) façade with central entrance door opening and window openings on either side of entrance
- Three evenly spaced window openings on north and south elevations

The interior of the building and any additions or outbuildings are excluded from this 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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