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October 22, 2025

His Excellency Di Wang
Ambassador
Embassy of the People's Republic of China
515 St. Patrick Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Your Excellency,

Re: Withdrawal of the Notice of Intention to Designate 251 Besserer Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

The Built Heritage Committee, at its meeting on October 6, 2025 and Ottawa City Council, at its meeting held on October 8, 2025, considered the Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate and **decided to withdraw the Notice of Intention to Designate 251 Besserer Street and not proceed with the designation process under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* at this time.**

A Notice of Withdrawal will be published online at [Ottawa.ca/heritagenotices](https://ottawa.ca/heritagenotices) on October 22, 2025, pursuant to By-law 2002-522 as amended. A copy of the Notice of Withdrawal will also be served on the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Our team looks forward to continuing to work with Your Excellency and your colleagues at the Embassy, alongside Global Affairs Canada, to provide additional information regarding the City of Ottawa's designation program and to further discuss the potential to designate both the properties at 251 Besserer Street and 515 St. Patrick Street.

Staff welcome the opportunity to work with your office to clarify the impacts of designations and discuss how sensitive alterations to the properties can be undertaken while also achieving the Embassy's renovations goals. We look forward to exploring the opportunities to recognize part of Ottawa's important history at these two sites and also celebrate the important contributions the People's Republic of China has already made towards their conservation.

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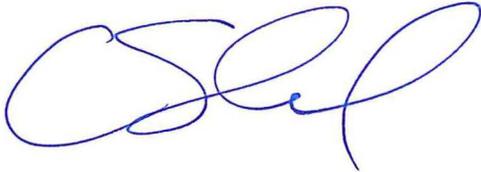
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Should your office have any questions, we are at Your Excellency's disposal. Please contact MacKenzie Kimm, Heritage Planner III directly at MacKenzie.Kimm@ottawa.ca or 613-580-2424 x 15203 for further information.

Regards,



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City Clerk

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