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February 19, 2026

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**RECEIVED**  
2026/02/19  
(YYYY/MM/DD)  
Ontario Heritage Trust

Attn: Ana Stuermer,

**Re: Notice of passage of By-law 2026 – 39 to designate 158 Gloucester Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act***

Ottawa City Council, at its meeting held on January 28, 2026 passed the following by-law under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*:

2026-39 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate 158 Gloucester 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 list of attributes.

Notice of the passage of By-law 2026-39 will be published online at [Ottawa.ca/heritagenotices](https://ottawa.ca/heritagenotices) on February 19, 2026, pursuant to By-law 2002-522 as amended.

**APPEAL TO ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL**

Pursuant to subsection 29 (11) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, any person who objects to the by-law may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal with respect to the by-law, by filing with the Clerk of the City of Ottawa, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. All appeals must also be accompanied by any fees charged by the Ontario Land Tribunal.

A notice of appeal can be filed either via the **Ontario Land Tribunal e-file service** (first-time users will need to register for a My Ontario Account) at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service> by selecting [City of Ottawa] as the Approval Authority or **mailed to the City at 110 Laurier Avenue West, Mail Code 01-14, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 1J1**. Alternatively,

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

Bureau du greffier municipal  
Ville d'Ottawa  
110, ave. Laurier ouest  
Ottawa (Ontario) 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)

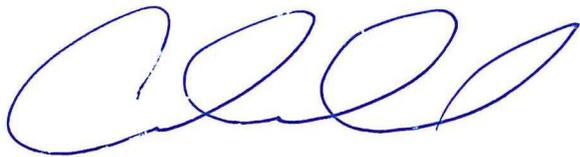
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packages can be submitted at the Client Service Centre located at City Hall - 110 Laurier Ave West.

If no notices of appeal are received, By-law 2026 - 39 comes into force on March 23, 2026, and a copy of the by-law will be registered against the title of the property. A copy of the registered by-law will also be served on the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Should you require further information, please contact Ben Morin, Heritage Planner, directly at [ben.morin@ottawa.ca](mailto:ben.morin@ottawa.ca) or 613-580-2424 x 23172.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Caitlin Salter MacDonal', written in a cursive style.

Caitlin Salter MacDonal  
City Clerk

cc: Ben Morin, Heritage Planner, City of Ottawa ([ben.morin@ottawa.ca](mailto:ben.morin@ottawa.ca))  
Emily Cuggy, Built Heritage Research Coordinator, City of Ottawa  
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Ana Stuermer, Department of National Defence ([ana.stuermer@forces.gc.ca](mailto:ana.stuermer@forces.gc.ca))  
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust ([registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca](mailto:registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca))

Encl.

BY-LAW NO. 2026 - 39

A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate 158 Gloucester 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 158 Gloucester Street (more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto), and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, the said notice being published online on Ottawa.ca on October 8, 2025, as permitted by by-law 2002-522 as amended;

AND WHEREAS a notice of objection to the proposed designation was received by the Clerk on November 5, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the Built Heritage Committee considered the objection on January 22, 2026, and recommended Council not withdraw the Notice of Intention to Designate;

AND WHEREAS on January 28, 2026, City Council considered the objection and decided not to withdraw the Notice of Intention to Designate;

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 158 Gloucester 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

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CITY CLERK

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Mark Sutcliffe', written in a cursive style.

MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A"

PIN:

04115-0142 (LT)

Legal Description:

LT 37, PL 2996 , S GLOUCESTER ST ; OTTAWA

## SCHEDULE "B"

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

The property at 158 Gloucester has design value as a rare example of an early twentieth century fraternal hall building with elements of Edwardian Classicism in Ottawa. The vernacular streamlined architectural style exemplified by 158 Gloucester Street was a departure from the classical styles used in the nineteenth century in Ottawa. The building features a relatively flat façade and emphasis on vertical elements. Elements typical of Edwardian Classicism include its brick pilasters with stone capitals, and voussoir above the third-storey central window and the distinct triangular pediment. Originally constructed as an Orange Hall, 158 Gloucester Street demonstrates architectural similarities to other buildings constructed for fraternal organizations in the early twentieth century in Ottawa and across Canada.

The property at 158 Gloucester Street is associated with the theme of fraternity in twentieth century Canada. Constructed in 1919 as an Orange Hall, it is directly associated with the Orange Order, a Protestant fraternal organization founded in 1795 in what is now known as Northern Ireland. While the Orange Order played a significant role in the political landscape of Ottawa in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the organization also had a reputation for sectarianism, anti-Catholicism, and in some cases, rioting. The property also has direct associations with the Royal Canadian Air Force, serving as an officer's mess from 1943 until 2022. The military mess is a significant institution in Canadian military history dating to the mid-eighteenth century. The mess provided a place for dining and socialization with members of the same rank. The building is best known as an officers' mess today.

The property has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of the history of women's service in the Canadian military. The RCAF was the first service to establish a women's division during the Second World War. Beginning in 1943, after pushback from service women such as Wilhelmina Walker, commanding officer of the Women's Division, women were permitted to participate in mess activities alongside their male counterparts. The use of 158 Gloucester Street as an Officers' Mess began at a time of significant advancement for women's service in Canada's military and coincides with changing attitudes towards gender in the Canadian military.

Built by Robert Holmes, 158 Gloucester Street demonstrates the work of a designer who is significant to Centretown's architectural history. Holmes, a long-time resident of Centretown, and a designer and prolific contractor, was responsible for or played a role in the construction of several notable buildings in Ottawa in the early twentieth century.

This building at 158 Gloucester Street supports the character of a transitional area in Centretown. The building is located within an area between the largely high-rise office character to the north, and older, low-rise residential character to the south. The building defines the character of the area as one of many buildings in the area constructed between the late nineteenth to the early to mid-twentieth centuries that demonstrate popular architectural styles from these periods, including Edwardian Classicism, Italianate, and early Modernist styles.

The property at 158 Gloucester Street is physically, functionally, and historically linked to its surroundings. Its association with headquarters, first for the Orange Order in Ottawa, and later as the Officers' Mess for the RCAF Headquarters, is linked to the cultural heritage of Centretown. Its location provided access to Parliament and other political institutions, of which many Orange Order leaders were involved with, along with access for parades on ceremonial streets such as Elgin and Wellington.

## **DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the cultural heritage value of the former RCAF Officers' Mess as a representative example of an early twentieth century institutional building with elements of Edwardian Classicism include:

- Three-storey height and three bay façade
- Buff brick cladding
- Rectangular window openings with decorative lintels
- Brick pilasters with simple stone capitals
- Red granite foundation and stone accents
- Central window in the upper storey with arched transom and decorative brick window surround • Decorative stepped parapet
- Moulded granite pilaster caps, cornices, and coping

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Enacted by City Council at its meeting of  
January 28, 2026

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COUNCIL AUTHORITY:  
City Council September 24, 2025 and  
January 28, 2026  
Agenda 65, Item 13.2 and Agenda 73, Item  
15.2.2  
(Built Heritage Committee Report No. 25  
and 28, respectively)