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17 April, 2014

The Albert House Inn  
Attn.: John Delroy  
478 Albert Street  
Ottawa, ON K1R 5B5

Dear Mr. Delroy

Re: **DESIGNATION OF 478 ALBERT STREET, UNDER PART IV OF THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

This is to advise you that the Council of the City of Ottawa, at its meeting of 26 March 2014, approved the following recommendation as contained in Planning Committee Report 66, Item 1:

**That Council issue a notice of Intention to Designate 478 Albert Street according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value attached as Document 5.**

Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Intention to Designate served according to the Act to be published in the EMC on April 17, 2014 and Le Droit on April 18, 2014. You will have 30 days from the publication date to file an objection to the designation.

Should you require further information, please contact Ms. Anne Fitzpatrick, Planner, Urban Services Unit, Development Review Services Branch, Planning and Growth Management Department, at (613) 580-2424, extension 15203, or by e-mail at [Anne.Fitzpatrick@ottawa.ca](mailto:Anne.Fitzpatrick@ottawa.ca).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. R. O'Connor'.

M. Rick O'Connor, CMO  
City Clerk and Solicitor

c.c. Ontario Heritage Trust, 10 Adelaide Street East, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr., Toronto, ON M5C 1J3  
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## IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

The Corporation of the City of Ottawa on March 26, 2014, established its intention to designate the following heritage property for its cultural heritage value.

### **Description of Property – 478 Albert Street**

The building at 478 Albert Street is a three storey residence with a high basement that is located on the south side of Albert Street, to the west of the intersection of Bronson and Albert Street.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The house at 478 Albert Street is significant for its design value as an excellent example of the Second Empire style, historical value for its association with Thomas Seaton Scott and contextual value as part of a cluster of historic 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings on Albert Street.

The building at 478 Albert Street was constructed circa 1874, in the Second Empire style, which was popular in Canada between 1860 and 1900. The architectural features of the building which are characteristic of the ornate Second Empire style include its mansard roof, ornate entrance, prominent second storey elliptical porch, distinct triangular bay windows, and intricate dichromatic brick work.

The building at 478 Albert Street was designed for and likely by, Thomas Seaton Scott, the first Chief Architect of the Department of Public Works. Scott was a well known Canadian architect whose work in Ottawa included the 1874 design for the west block of Parliament and the Drill Hall at Cartier Square. Later residents of the building included noted Canadian author William Dawson LeSueur, the Victorian Order of Nurses and the Sisters of Service. The building is associated with the former Ashburnham Hill neighbourhood in the west end of Uppertown. Ashburnham Hill was an early residential neighbourhood which was settled by members of Ottawa's English-speaking elite from the mid- to late-nineteenth century.

This building is one of four remaining 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings located on the south side of Albert Street that has preserved its original low-scale residential character. The cluster of historic buildings on Albert Street stands out amongst the surrounding high-rise apartments and offices. The house at 478 Albert Street is significant for its contribution to the historic residential character.

### **Heritage Attributes**

The exterior architectural elements that contribute to the heritage value as an excellent example of the Second Empire style in Ottawa include its:

- Red brick construction with limestone foundation
- Rectangular plan with a rear addition.
- Four-sided mansard roof with decorative dormers, chimneys, simple cornice, and bracketed eaves
- Prominent semi-elliptical porch with wood staircase and columns
- Ornamental entrance with wood surround and door set in a round arch with transom

- Distinctive triangular bay windows
- Segmentally arched windows with stone sills on the first floor with alternating buff and red brick voussoirs and rectangular windows with stone sills on the second floor.

The interior of the building is not included in this designation.

#### OBJECTIONS

Any person wishing to object to this designation may do so by letter, outlining the reasons for the objections and other relevant information. This letter must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa either by registered mail or personally delivered by May 18, 2014.

Dated at Ottawa this 17 April 2014

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M. Rick O'Connor, CMO  
City Clerk and Solicitor