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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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File Number: D09-01-MAIN175

March 1, 2021

Greystone Village Inc. 1737 Woodward Drive Ottawa, Ontario K2C 0P9

Attn: Erin O'Connor, Regional Group

Re: Notice of passage of Designation By-law 2020-241 designating the Deschâtelets Building, 175 Main Street, 320 Deschâtelets Avenue, and part of 205 Scholastic Drive, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* 

City Council, at its meeting held on August 26, 2020, passed By-law 2020-241 designating the Deschâtelets Building at 175 Main Street, 320 Deschâtelets Avenue, and part of 205 Scholastic Drive under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as a property 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. The designation by-law will now be registered on title.

Should you require further information, please contact Avery Marshall at (613) 580-2424, ext. 25875 or avery.marshall@ottawa.ca.

Yours truly,

Deputy Clerk for M. Rick O'Connor, CMO

City Clerk

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Caltin Saller-MacDonald Deputy City Clerk
Date AUG 2 6 2020

A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate the Deschâtelets Building, 175 Main Street, 320 Deschâtelets Avenue, and part of 205 Scholastic Drive 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 at the time as 175 Main Street (more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto) and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust; and published in the Ottawa Citizen and Le Droit, newspapers having a general circulation in the City of Ottawa, on August 5, 2011;

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

AND WHEREAS subsequent to the service of the above-described notice the relevant portions of 175 Main Street we re-addressed as 175 Main Street, 320 Deschâtelets Avenue, and part of 205 Scholastic Drive;

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 175 Main 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 of interest and description of Heritage Attributes 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 in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Ottawa.
- 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 26th day of August 2020

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

**MAYOR** 

#### SCHEDULE "A"

Firstly:

PART BLOCK 26, PLAN 4M1596, BEING PART 1, PLAN 4R32829; CITY OF OTTAWA

Secondly:

ALL OF BLOCK 27, PLAN 4M1596; BEING PART 2, PLAN 4R32829; CITY OF OTTAWA

Thirdly:

ALL OF BLOCK 30, PLAN 4M1596; BEING PARTS 3 & 4, PLAN 4R32829; CITY OF OTTAWA

Fourthly:

PART OF BLOCK 32, PLAN 4M1596; BEING PART 5, PLAN 4R32829; CITY OF OTTAWA

Fifthly:

PART OF AVENUE DECHATELETS AVENUE, PLAN 4M1596; BEING PART 6, PLAN 4R32829; CITY OF OTTAWA

Sixthly:

PART OF LOT "H", CONCESSION D, RIDEAU FRONT; NEPEAN; BEING PART 7, PLAN 4R32829; CITY OF OTTAWA

#### SCHEDULE "B"

Description of Property - Deschâtelets Building, 175 Main Street, 320 Deschâtelets Avenue, and part of 205 Scholastic Drive, Ottawa

Known as the Deschâtelets Building since interior renovations in 1967-68, constructed as Scholasticate St. Joseph, the building is a large stone structure, located on Main Street, in the Ottawa East neighbourhood of the City of Ottawa.

# Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Deschätelets Building was initially constructed in 1885 as a scholasticate for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The Oblate order was founded in France in 1826 by Archbishop Eugene de Mazenod. The Oblates arrived in Longeuil, Quebec in 1841, moving to Bytown in 1848. By the 1880s they had outgrown the wing of the building in Lowertown where they had lived since their arrival and construction of a new seminary began on a farm in Archville that had been purchased in 1869. They moved into the building in 1885. The Oblates were a missionary order, sending priest and lay brothers across Canada to teach and their facility was altered and enlarged in 1925 and 1950 as the order grew. Dramatically different from its original architectural style after these extensive alterations, the Deschâtelets Building represents the role that the Oblates have played in the community since their arrival in Ottawa in 1844 and the evolution of Roman Catholic institutional architecture since the late 19th century.

The original building was initially designed by M. Albert Mesnard of the Montreal firm Perrault & Mesnard, who designed a hundred or so religious and civic buildings throughout Quebec and from coast to coast across North America, including other important Second Empire style buildings. It was altered through the addition of two wings in the Beaux Arts style by the Quebec firm of Donat-Arthur Gascon and Louis Parant in 1926. In 1950, the building was further altered to the plans of Montreal architect Louis-J Lapierre that added an additional storey and a new Chapel. Today, the building is a large, four storey, classically-inspired stone building set back from Main Street.

The setting of the Deschâtelets Building, at the terminus of a wide tree lined allée that leads to a forecourt from Main Street contributes to its cultural heritage value. Historical photos reveal that it was planted after the completion of the 1950's alterations to the building. The allée is a well-known landmark and character defining feature of the property.

## Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the Deschâtelets Building as an excellent example of a Roman Catholic institutional building include its:

Stone foundation

- Classically-inspired design with a central frontispiece, topped by a pediment with a crest, with a dentilled secondary cornice
- Two pavilions flanking the frontispiece also with pediments and secondary cornices
- Regularly spaced windows, predominantly paired, with shaped stone surrounds
- · The front door, its pediment, architrave and flanking piers
- 1950s Chapel and its interior, featuring concrete construction with buttress-like columns and a vaulted ceiling

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the landscape associated with the Deschâtelets Building include its:

- Tree-lined allée leading from Main Street to the open forecourt (Alterations to this
  attribute will not include regular maintenance of the trees, interventions at the
  ground plane such as paving, parking, laneways, sidewalks, landscaping and
  street furnishings, or development on the undesignated lands on either side of it)
- Semi-circular, tree-lined forecourt located to the west of the front door. This
  space is defined by the trees running in a semi-circle from Oblate Avenue to
  Oblate Avenue.
- Remnant of the "Allee des Ormes" planted by the Oblates in the 19th century, located south and west of the Deschâtelets Building

The gymnasium/ archives to the south of the building, the one storey addition to the north and east of the Chapel, the structure to the north of the Chapel, and the small structure to the north and east of the Deschâtelets Building itself are not included in this designation. The interior of the building is not included in the designation. The interior of the Chapel is included in the designation.

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Enacted by City Council at its meeting of August 26, 2020.

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COUNCIL AUTHORITY: City Council July 13, 2011 Agenda Item 3 PC Report No. 12