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May 26, 2021
City of Ottawa
c/o Carina Duclos
100 Constellation Drive
Ottawa, ON K2G 6J8

Dear Carina Duclos,

RE: Designation of Porter's Island Bridge under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

This is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of May 26, 2021, approved the following recommendation(s) in respect of the above-noted item:

That Council issue a Notice of Intention to designate Porter's Island Bridge under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value, attached as Document 5.

A copy of the complete report in this matter, as well as the Disposition/Minutes of the City Council meeting of May 26, 2021, 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 in *Le Droit* and the *Ottawa Citizen* on June 5, 2021. You will have 30 days from the publication date to file an objection to the designation.

Should you wish to object to the designation, you may do so by submitting an objection in writing, outlining the reasons for the objection and any other relevant information. The letter must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa within 30 days of the publication of this notice. The letter can be sent by registered mail to the City Clerk at 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 1J1, or can be delivered in person, to Ottawa City Hall, at the Government Service Centre to Counter 44 or 45 on the 1st floor, 110 Laurier Avenue, West.

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When an objection has been received, the Council of the City of Ottawa will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Should you require further information, please contact Ashley Kotarba, Planner II, directly at (613) 580-2424, 23582 or by email at Ashley.Kotarba@ottawa.ca.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end, likely belonging to Ashley Kotarba.

Deputy Clerk for M. Rick O'Connor, CMO, LLB
City Clerk

c.c. planner/staff contact (by email)
Ontario Heritage Trust (10 Adelaide Street East, 3rd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1J3)

Encl.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

Notice of Intention to Designate

The City of Ottawa, on May 26, 2021, established its intention to designate Porter's Island Bridge, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

Description of Property – Porter's Island Bridge

Porter's Island Bridge is a double span steel bridge, constructed in 1894 that connects St. Patrick Street to Porter's Island over the Rideau River in Lowertown east.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of the Porter's Island Bridge is found in its design value as a rare example of a Pratt-through-truss bridge, for associations with City engineer Robert Surtees and the Dominion Bridge Building Company, and links to the historical public health uses of Porter's Island, and in its contextual value as a neighbourhood landmark.

Porter's Island Bridge has design value as a rare Canadian example of a double-span Pratt-through-truss bridge. Patented in 1844 by American bridge builder Thomas Pratt, the Pratt truss is a highly efficient type of truss with a single diagonal in each panel, vertical panel posts, inclined end posts, and parallel top and bottom chords. The Pratt truss was widely used in wooden truss bridge construction in North America and was later adopted for metal truss bridges used on railways and roads. The Porter's Island Bridge is an important reminder of historic bridge building methods used in Canada in the 19th century.

Porter's Island Bridge has historical value as a representative work of City engineer Robert Surtees. Surtees is noteworthy in Ottawa for his designs including the Carleton County General Protestant Hospital, the Carleton County Court House, and the Minto Bridges. Porter's Island Bridge is also associated with the Dominion Bridge Company, who was an important bridge building company in the late 19th century and 20th century. Based originally in Lachine, Québec, the Dominion Bridge Company's plant was considered the largest and best-equipped machine shop on the continent.

The Porter's Island Bridge has historical value for its ties to the public health history of Porter's Island. The bridge was the main access across the Rideau River to Porter's Island until the 1960s. The island was first used as a quarantine site in 1894 with the creation of an isolation hospital. The island would continue to serve as an isolation site for much of the early 20th century. The island has since been used for emergency housing during the Great Depression and after the Second World War, making the bridge pivotal in the continued usage of the island for 70 years. A new bridge was built in 1964 to coincide with the construction of a senior's residence on the island.

Porter's Island Bridge meets the criteria for contextual value because it is physically, functionally and historically linked to its surroundings, telling the story of Porter's Island through its historical function of carrying people and goods to the island.

OBJECTIONS

Any person wishing to object to this designation may do so by letter, outlining the reasons for the objection and any other relevant information. This letter must be received by the Clerk of

the City of Ottawa either by registered mail at 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 1J1, or personally delivered within 30 days of the publication of this notice. When a notice of objection has been received, the Council of the City of Ottawa will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

For further information or a complete copy of the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value please contact:

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