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File No. ACS2023-PRE-RHU-0004

February 22, 2023



RE: Designation of former École St-Pierre, 353 Friel Street under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

This is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of February 22, 2023, approved the following recommendation(s) in respect of the above-noted item:

## That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the former École St-Pierre, 353 Friel Street, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value, attached as Document 5 (<u>as amended</u>).

A copy of the complete report in this matter, as well as the Disposition/Minutes of the City Council meeting of February 22, 2023, 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 Saturday, March 11, 2023. 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

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must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa within 30 days after 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, by appointment, at the following coordinates:

M. Rick O'Connor, City Clerk c/o Eric Pelot, Committee Coordinator 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1, mail code 01-71

To make an appointment, please contact Mélanie Blais, Committee coordinator at (613) 580-2424, ext. 27005, or at melanie.blais@ottawa.ca. When an objection has been received, City Council will consider the objection including all relevant information within 90 days after the end of the objection period. After consideration of the objection, Council may decide to withdraw the Notice of Intention to Designate or to pass a by-law designating the property under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Should Council pass a by-law to designate the property, there will be further correspondence from the City on how you may appeal this decision to the Ontario Lands Tribunal.

Should you require further information, please contact Luis Juarez, Planner II, directly at (613) 580-2424, 71133 or by email at luis.juarez@ottawa.ca.

Regards,

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

c.c. Luis Juarez, Planner II (by email) Ontario Heritage Trust (registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca)

Encl.

## Notice of Intention to Designate

The City of Ottawa, on February 22, 2023, established its intention to designate 353 Friel Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

## **Description of Property – 353 Friel Street**

The former École St-Pierre, 353 Friel Street, is a two- and one-half storey red brick building, located on the east side of Friel Street, to the north of Laurier Avenue East in the Sandy Hill neighbourhood. **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest** 

The former École St-Pierre has architectural value as a good example of a purpose-built school in Sandy Hill and an excellent example of Edwardian Classicism. Edwardian Classicism was popular, particularly for institutional buildings, in the early twentieth century and flourished until the First World War. Constructed in 1906, with an early addition in 1930, the architectural features of the former École St-Pierre that are characteristic of the style include its symmetrical composition, its brick exterior with strong stone base, and its decorative stone and cast-stone elements.

The former École St-Pierre has historical value for its associations with the early 20th century French Catholic residents of Sandy Hill, the changing demographics of Sandy Hill over the 20th and 21st centuries, and architect Felix Maral Hamel. École St-Pierre was constructed in response to increased enrollment at nearby schools and was Sandy Hill's first French Catholic school. Its 1930 addition is associated with the expansion of Franco-Ontarien education following the repeal of Regulation 17, which restricted French language instruction beyond the first two grades. The growth of the University of Ottawa throughout the 20th century prompted the conversion of larger houses into multiunit residences to accommodate the growing student population. The adaptation of the former Ecole St- Pierre into a community centre reflects pioneering community efforts in the 1970s to protect Ottawa's built heritage which was rapidly disappearing. Its subsequent adaptation into a multi-unit residence reflects the contemporary community character. The school is a representative work of local architect Felix Maral Hamel, who completed works for the Roman Catholic diocese in Ottawa including several schools in Hull and Ottawa between 1870 and 1907. The former École St-Pierre was one of several early public amenities constructed in Sandy Hill after Ottawa became the National Capital of Canada. The development and evolution of the former school contributes to an understanding of the transition of the Sandy Hill neighbourhood from a 19th century suburb into an urban neighbourhood.

Description of Heritage Attributes Key exterior attributes that contribute to the cultural heritage value of the former École St-Pierre as an example of a purpose-built school in the Edwardian Classicist style, include its:

- Symmetrical plan;
- Red brick cladding;
- Rock-faced stone foundation;
- Symmetrically arranged two over two sash windows;
- Rock-faced stone sills;
- Dressed stone lintels;
- Cast-stone front entrance with decorative carving and pressed metal detailing;
- Cast-stone string course;
- Cast-stone detailing at roofline including decorative carved date panel and inset square panels;
- Projecting metal cornice;
- Brick chimneys on side elevations with decorative inset panels;
- Mature trees on the front lawn;

The heritage attributes listed above are limited to the original 1906 building and the 1930 rear and front entrance additions. Later additions and the interior of the building are excluded. **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 or personally delivered within 30 days of the publication of this notice at the following coordinates:

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For further informationplease contact: **Luis Juarez** MCIP, RPP Heritage Planner | Urbaniste du patrimoine Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development | Direction générale de le planification, de l'immobilier et du développement économique

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