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March 24, 2023



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Dear

RE: Designation of the Crabtree House, 559 Lang's Road, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

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

That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the Crabtree House, 559 Lang's Road, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value, attached as Document 5 (as amended).

A copy of the complete report in this matter, as well as the Disposition/Minutes of the City Council meeting of March 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 April 1st, 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 must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa within 30 days after the publication of this notice.

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Ligne directe (613) 580-2424 poste 21215 Télécopieur 613 560-2416 Rick.OConnor@ottawa.ca 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 Clerkc/o Melanie Blais, Acting Committee Coordinator110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1, mail code 01-71

To make an appointment, please contact Mélanie Blais, Acting 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 Land Tribunal.

As you may be aware, Dawn Chan completed her internship with the City of Ottawa on March 17, 2023. Should you require further information going forward, please contact Avery Marshall, Heritage Register Coordinator, at (613) 580-2424, 25875 or by email at avery.marshall@ottawa.ca.

Regards,

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

c.c. Avery Marshall, City of Ottawa (avery.marshall@ottawa.ca)

Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust (registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca)

Encl.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

Notice of Intention to Designate

The City of Ottawa, on March 22, 2023, established its intention to designate the Crabtree House, 559 Lang's Road, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

Description of Property

The Crabtree House, 559 Lang's Road is located in the Viscount-Alexander Park (Fairhaven) neighborhood on the east side of Lang's Road, south of the rock quarry, and across the street from the Hôpital Montfort.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Crabtree House has design value as a representative example of modernist residential architecture within Ottawa. It demonstrates architectural features that are characteristic of this style, including overhanging eaves, a flat roof, cantilevered elements, simple front entrance, multiple cladding material, large floor-to-ceiling windows, limited ornamentation and an integrated carport.

It displays a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit through its unique architectural details such as its brise-soleil, geometric built forms, contrasting cladding material, and the careful integration of the property into its unaltered landscape. The architectural expression demonstrates common modernist themes including minimalism and harmony with nature.

The Crabtree House has historical value for its association with the Fairhaven Cooperative. Created in 1947 by a small group of employees at the National Research Council, the cooperative established a set of regulations to help shape the architecture of the neighbourhood to ensure it aligned with modernist ideals. The cooperative was the first of its kind in Canada.

The property is also directly associated with its first owners, Graham and Dorothy Crabtree. Graham Crabtree's work at Crawley Films and the National Film Board included working on pieces of Canadian media that helped develop Canada's identity as a nation in the mid 20th century. Dorothy Crabtree's work at the National Research Council contributed to the development of the Canadarm, which stands as one of Canada's most significant contributions in the field of robotics.

The Crabtrees commissioned local architect Matthew Stankiewicz to design the house and it stands as an excellent example of his work in Ottawa. Stankiewicz was a well-known

Modern architect designing a range of buildings including other houses, the Unicentre and Carleton University and the Canadian Pavilion at Expo '67.

The Crabtree House has contextual value for its role in defining the character of the area due to its location within Fairhaven development and association with its cooperative. The property's connections to both helped to influence its architecture, setback, and surrounding landscaping, and its location within the neighborhood is a physical reminder of the community that Fairhaven once envisioned for themselves.

It is physically and visually linked to its surroundings through its intentional incorporation into the natural landscape, resulting in the house being partially below grade.

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 information, and for a complete copy of the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value, please contact:

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