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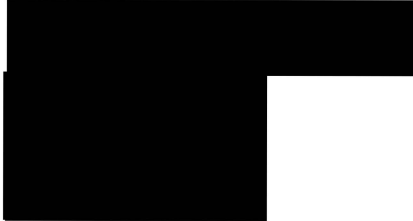
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Re: Notice of passage of By-law 2024-70 to designate Bronson Centre, 211 Bronson Avenue, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Ottawa City Council, at its meeting held on February 7, 2024 passed the following by-law:

2024-70 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate the Bronson Centre, 211 Bronson Avenue to be 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.

Notice of the passage of By-law 2024-70 will be published online at ottawa.ca/heritagenotices on February 14, 2024.

Please be advised that any person who wishes to object to the by-law may do so by appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal by giving the Tribunal and the Clerk of the City of Ottawa, within 30 days after the online publication of this notice, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection.

The notice of appeal can be submitted via email to CityClerk-HeritageObjections@ottawa.ca. The notice of appeal can also be submitted via registered mail or be delivered in person, by appointment, at the following coordinates:

David White, Interim City Clerk
c/o Mélanie Blais, Committee Coordinator
110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1, mail code 01-71

Office of the City Clerk
City of Ottawa
110 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, ON K1P 1J1
ottawa.ca

Direct Line (613) 580-2424 Ext. 21933
david.white@ottawa.ca

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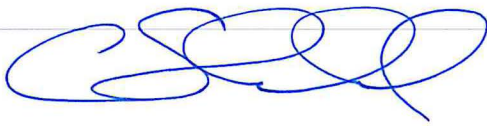
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To make an appointment, please contact Mélanie Blais, Committee Coordinator at (613) 580-2424, ext. 27005, or melanie.blais@ottawa.ca.

If no appeals are filed, By-law 2024-70 will come into force on March 19, 2024 and be registered on title. A copy of the registered by-law will be served on the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Should you require further information, please contact Lauren Luchenski, Built Heritage Research Coordinator directly at lauren.luchenski@ottawa.ca or 613-580-2424 x 21588.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned below a thin horizontal line.

Deputy City Clerk for David White
Interim City Clerk

cc: MacKenzie Kimm, City of Ottawa (by email to mackenzie.kimm@ottawa.ca)
Lauren Luchenski, City of Ottawa (by email to lauren.luchenski@ottawa.ca)
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust (by email to registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca)

Encl.

BY-LAW NO. 2024 - 70

A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate the Bronson Centre, 211 Bronson Avenue, 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;

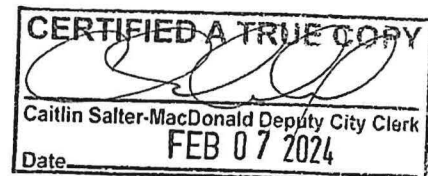
AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Ottawa has caused notice of intention to designate to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as the Bronson Centre, 211 Bronson Avenue (more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto), and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, the said notice being published online on Ottawa.ca on December 1, 2023, as permitted by by-law 2002-522 as amended;

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

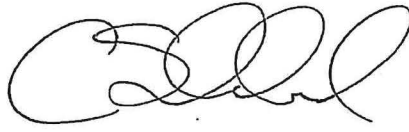
AND WHEREAS the statement of cultural heritage value or interest and description of heritage attributes reasons for designation are set out as Schedule "B" hereto;

THEREFORE the Council of the City of Ottawa, enacts as follows:

1. The real property known municipally as the Bronson Centre, 211 Bronson Avenue, 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 or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes are 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 online on Ottawa.ca as permitted by by-law 2002-522 as amended.
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 7th day of February 2024.

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A"

PIN 04113-0110

LT A, PL 2996 , S/S NEPEAN ST ; LT 1, PL 2996 , S/S NEPEAN ST ; PT LT 2, PL 2996 , S/S NEPEAN ST, AS IN CR405902, CR194225, & CR596472 EXCEPT CR596365 ; PT LTS 3, 4 & 5, PL 2996 , S/S NEPEAN ST, AS IN CR596472 ; LT B, PL 2996 , N/S LISGAR ST ; LT 1, PL 2996 , N/S LISGAR ST ; PT LT 2, PL 2996 , N/S LISGAR ST, AS IN CR194225 EXCEPT CR596365 ; OTTAWA

SCHEDULE "B"

Description of Property

The Bronson Centre, 211 Bronson Avenue is a three-storey, flat-roofed institutional building constructed between 1929 and 1962. It occupies the entire block fronting on Bronson Avenue between Nepean and Lisgar Streets in Ottawa's Centretown neighbourhood.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Bronson Centre has design value as a representative example of an institutional building, constructed in phases between 1929 and 1962. The original Immaculata High School, constructed in 1929 at the corner of Lisgar Street and Bronson Avenues is a representative example of the Collegiate Gothic style, a popular style for institutional buildings across North America from the early-to-mid-twentieth century. Features typical of the style include the flat roof, stone cladding and quoins, and central entranceway. The Bronson Centre has several additions, most notably the D.A. Kearns Memorial Wing, constructed to the east of the original building in 1950 and the large central addition, constructed along Bronson Avenue in 1962. Both additions are clad in stone and represent a compatible evolution and interpretation of the original Collegiate Gothic style building.

The Bronson Centre has associative value as the representative work of several significant Ottawa architects. The original 1929 school was designed by W.E. Noffke, arguably Ottawa's most significant architect of the 20th century. The 1950 Dr. D.A. Kearns Memorial wing was designed by local architects Hazelgrove and Lithwick and the 1962 wing including the auditorium was designed by local architecture firm Balharrie, Helmer and Morin.

The Bronson Centre has historical value for its direct associations with the Grey Nuns, and Immaculata High School. The Grey Nuns purchased this property in 1928 and constructed a new school on the site in 1929, which was expanded over time and served as the Immaculata High School until 1994. The Grey Nuns are an important religious order in the history of Ottawa, first arriving in 1845 to provide nursing services under the direction of Mother Elisabeth Bruyère. The order has been involved in healthcare and education in Ottawa for almost 200 years. The building is also significant for its association with Immaculata High School which was an important component of the Catholic school system in 20th century Ottawa and continues in its current location on Main Street. Since 1996 the building has housed the Bronson Centre, an important community hub for social services, arts and music in Ottawa.

The Bronson Centre has contextual value as a landmark on Bronson Avenue both for its size, spanning the entire block of Bronson Avenue between Nepean and Lisgar Streets and for its function as both a school and now a community hub. As a Catholic school for almost 70 years, the building is also visually and historically linked to the development of significant institutions in this part of Centretown including St. Vincent's Hospital (1932), Erskine Presbyterian Church (1905), and MacPhail Baptist Church (1893).

Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the cultural heritage value of 211 Bronson Avenue include are outlined below.

Those physical attributes of the building that make it a cohesive complex, built in phases between 1929 and 1962 including its:

- Limestone cladding with ashlar details
- Three storey massing with flat roof
- Use of decorative stone details and stepped parapet walls
- Fenestration pattern including bands of windows
- Use of detailing to separate each wing, creating legibility between each phase of the building

1929 School Building (corner of Lisgar Street and Bronson Avenue)

Those attributes of the original Immaculata High School building that embody the Collegiate Gothic style include:

- Three storey massing with flat roof and stepped parapets with decorative stone details
- Split-faced limestone cladding with ashlar details and stepped stone pilasters at the northwest and southwest corners
- Symmetrical front (west) elevation including:
 - Central arched entrance sidelites and transom window
 - Bands of windows to the north and south of the main entrance with stone lintels, sills and quoins
- Projecting arched entranceway with stepped parapet, flanked by stepped pilasters with dripstones on the south facade
- Asymmetrical south façade including the fenestration pattern with stone sills, lintels and quoins
- 1929 datestone at the southwest corner

1950 D.A. Kearns Memorial Wing (Lisgar Street)

- Three storey massing with flat roof
- Limestone cladding with ashlar details
- Projecting arched entranceway with crenellated parapet, corner buttresses and stone details including carved nameplate "Dr. D.A. Kearns Memorial"

- Two storey vertically oriented window with limestone quoins
- Fenestration pattern including bands of windows with stone sills, lintels and quoins
- 1948 datestone at south east corner

1962 Wing (Bronson Avenue)

- Three storey massing with flat roof and stepped parapet
- Limestone cladding with ashlar details
- Central entrance porch with recessed entrance and stepped parapet
- Fenestration pattern with pairs of windows arranged in squares, with stone quoins and continuous stone sills and lintels reflecting the bands of windows on the earlier sections of the building
- 1962 date stone south of the main entrance

Those attributes that express the contextual value of the Bronson Centre, 211 Bronson Avenue as a landmark in Centretown include:

- Its prominent siting, occupying the entire street frontage along Bronson Avenue from Nepean Street to Lisgar Street

The 1952 nurses' residence wing and all building interiors are excluded from the designation.

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Enacted by City Council at its meeting of February 7, 2024.

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COUNCIL AUTHORITY:
City Council November 22, 2023
Agenda Item 11.3
(Built Heritage Committee Report No. 9A)

