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January 24, 2024

Trustees of Southminster United Church
c/o Southminster United Church
1040 Bank Street
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Property Owner(s),

RE: Designation of Southminster United Church, 1040 Bank Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

This letter is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of January 24, 2024, approved the following recommendation in respect of the above-noted item:

That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the Southminster United Church, 1040 Bank Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value.

A copy of the complete report in this matter, as well as the Minutes of the City Council meeting of January 24, 2024, 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 online at Ottawa.ca/heritagenotices on January 26, 2024. You will have 30 days from the publication date, until February 25, 2024, to file an objection to the designation. Should you wish to object to the designation, you may do so by submitting a notice of objection in writing, outlining the reasons for the objection and any other relevant information. The notice must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa within 30 days after the online publication of this notice.

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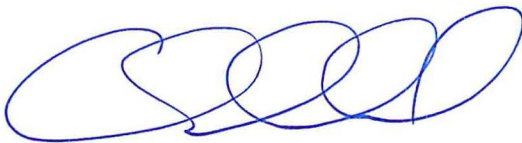
The notice of objection can be submitted via email to CityClerk-HeritageObjections@ottawa.ca, or via registered mail or in-person delivery, by appointment, at the following coordinates:

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

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 Land Tribunal.

Should you require further information, please contact Taylor Quibell, Heritage Planner, at (613) 580-2424, 74708 or by email at taylor.quibell@ottawa.ca.

Regards,



Caitlin Salter MacDonald

Deputy Clerk for David White
Interim City Clerk

c.c. Anne Fitzpatrick, City of Ottawa (anne.fitzpatrick@ottawa.ca)
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Encl.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE SOUTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH, 1040 BANK STREET, AS A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST, PURSUANT TO SECTION 29 (3) OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

DATED AND PUBLISHED at the City of Ottawa this 26th day of January, 2024.

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Ottawa, on January 24th, 2024, established its intention to designate Southminster United Church, 1040 Bank Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Southminster United Church, 1040 Bank Street is a large, gable roofed church constructed of cinderblock and clad in sandstone. The church was built in 1932 and is located at the corner of Bank and Aylmer streets, overlooking the Rideau Canal in the Old Ottawa South neighbourhood.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

Southminster United Church has design value as a representative example of the modern interpretation of the Gothic Revival style, also known as the English Gothic Revival style. Many of its features are characteristic of the style including, the symmetrical design, an emphasis on verticality including pointed arch windows and doors, with uniformly coloured façades of Nepean sandstone.

Southminster United Church displays a moderate degree of craftsmanship in its architectural elements. This includes its intricate stonework, impressive wood paneled ceiling and modest motif decoration adapted from Sherbourne Abbey in England. Other elements include with the decorative stonework, the ornamental gates, and stained-glass windows.

The property has historical value as a representative work of local architect John Albert Ewart, a well-known architect in Ottawa. His most famous works include the Booth Building at 185 Sparks Street, the Wellington Building at 180 Wellington Street, Knox Presbyterian Church at 120 Lisgar Street, and several schools in the area as the main architect for the Ottawa Collegiate Institute Board. The property also has historical value because it contributes to the understanding of the United Church in Canada, a union of Methodists, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists in 1925. Soon after its formation, in 1931, Southminster United Church was established, uniting the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations in Ottawa South.

Southminster United Church has contextual value because it is important in defining and maintaining the character of Old Ottawa South. Southminster United Church's location at the intersection of Bank and Aylmer, overlooking the Rideau Canal, next to the Bank Street Bridge makes this an important site in the area that is historically and visually linked to its surroundings. The property is a landmark in Old Ottawa South, as a gateway to the community with its deep setback and prominent front lawn.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The key exterior attributes that contribute to the heritage value of Southminster United Church as a representative example of the modern interpretation of the Gothic Revival style, also known as the English Gothic Revival style include:

- Cruciform plan aligned along an east-west axis
- Two storey massing;
- Nepean sandstone cladding

- Symmetrical east façade
- Steeply pitched gable roof and its details including:
 - Slate shingles
 - Copper coping around the edge of the roof
 - Stepped parapet
- Pointed arch stained-glass windows with concrete surrounds and horizontal mouldings on the north, west and east façades
- Rose window on the west façade
- Oriel window on the north façade
- Decorative stonework
- Prominent front vestibule including:
 - Tall, ribbed stone arched opening topped with stone accents
 - Ornamental wrought iron gates
 - Ribbed vault with brackets adorned with oak leaves
 - Stone banding
 - Wooden doors
 - Stained glass windows
- Pier buttresses on the north and south facades
- Pointed arch wood doors on the south façade

The key interior elements that contribute to the design and physical value of 1040 Bank Street include:

- Cedar ceiling
- Modest motif decoration adapted from Sherbourne Abbey in England

Key attributes that contribute to the historic value include:

- Ottawa South Methodist Church Cornerstone (1908)
- Calvin Presbyterian Cornerstone (1914)
- Southminster's Cornerstone (1931)

Key attributes that demonstrate its contextual value include:

- Its location at the corner of Bank and Aylmer Streets

The interior of the building except for the attributes outlined above is excluded from the designation.

OBJECTIONS

Please be advised that any person wishing to object to this designation may do so under the objection process set out in Section 29 (5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by giving the Clerk of the City of Ottawa, within 30 days after the online publication of this notice, a notice of objection outlining the reasons for the objection and any other relevant information.

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