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Report No. ACS2024-PRE-RHU-0022

March 22, 2024

Westboro Masonic Temple Limited



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Ontario Heritage Trust

Dear 

Re: Notice of passage of By-law 2024-115 to designate 430 Churchill Avenue North, Westboro Masonic Hall, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Ottawa City Council, at its meeting held on March 6, 2024, passed the following by-law:

2024-115 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate 430 Churchill Avenue North, Westboro Masonic Hall, 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 2024-115 will be published online at ottawa.ca/heritagenotices on March 25, 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:

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

Bureau du greffier municipal
Ville d'Ottawa
110, ave. Laurier ouest
Ottawa (Ontario) K1P 1J1
ottawa.ca

Ligne directe (613) 580-2424 poste 21933
david.white@ottawa.ca

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 melanie.blais@ottawa.ca.

If no appeals are filed, By-law 2024-115 will come into force on April 24, 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 Greg MacPherson, Heritage Planner, at (613) 580-2424, 73665 or by email at greg.macpherson@ottawa.ca.

Regards,

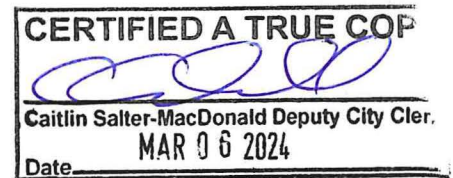
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Tyler Cox

Deputy Clerk for David White
Interim City Clerk

cc: Greg MacPherson, City of Ottawa (greg.macpherson@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.



A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate 430 Churchill Avenue North, Westboro Masonic Hall, 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 430 Churchill Avenue North, Westboro Masonic Hall, (more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto), and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, the said notice being published online on Ottawa.ca on January 26, 2024, as permitted by by-law 2002-522 as amended;

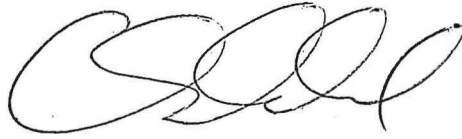
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

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 430 Churchill Avenue North, Westboro Masonic Hall, 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 6th day of March 2024.

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Sutcliffe" in a cursive script.

MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A"

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PART BLOCK F, REGISTERED PLAN 204, PARTS 1, 2, AND 3 PLAN 4R16150, CITY
OF OTTAWA.

SCHEDULE “B”

Description of Property – Westboro Masonic Temple, 430 Churchill Avenue North

The Westboro Masonic Temple, 430 Churchill Avenue North, is a two-storey red brick building located near the intersection of Churchill Avenue North and Byron Avenue in Ottawa’s Westboro neighbourhood.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Westboro Masonic Temple has design value as a representative example of a purpose built Masonic Temple influenced by the Edwardian Classicist and Beaux Arts architectural styles. Constructed in 1924, the building’s symmetrical design, simple classical features, and integrated Masonic symbols such as the letter “G”, the compass, and the square align with Canadian and international examples of other Masonic Temples and exemplify the building’s origins as a space of Freemasonry. Features of the façade associated with the Edwardian Classicist and Beaux Arts styles include the integrated brick quoins, lintels and voussoirs, the façade’s central bay, and the symmetrical placement of door and window openings.

The Westboro Masonic Temple is directly associated with the growth of Freemasonry and fraternal organizations in Ottawa. As Ottawa’s suburbs expanded in the early 20th century, new branches of the Masons and other fraternal organizations were established, often meeting in private homes or rented spaces such as church halls. The Westboro Masonic Temple was purpose built to meet the needs of Westboro’s growing Masonic community, established by two local Lodges: the Ionic Lodge and the Acacia Lodge.

The Westboro Masonic Temple reflects the work of notable local architecture firm Richards and Abra, lead by Hugh Archibald Richards and William J. Abra. Richards and Abra are credited with numerous notable buildings including the ByWard Market building, Nepean Highschool, and the Mayfair Apartments. The Westboro Masonic Temple has contextual value as a landmark building that supports the character of Westboro and is historically linked to its surroundings. Its elevated location near the intersection of Churchill Avenue and Byron Avenue allows for the building to serve as a highly visible local landmark. Located adjacent to the former streetcar line, the property represents the 20th century growth of Westboro into a thriving suburban village which featured social and institutional spaces like the Masonic Temple in close proximity to commercial uses on nearby Richmond Road and surrounding residences.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the heritage value of the Westboro Masonic Temple as a representative example of a purpose built Masonic Temple designed with elements of the Edwardian Classicist and Beaux Arts styles include:

- Well balanced symmetrical façade with central bay and stepped parapet roof.
- Red brick cladding with decorative elements including integrated red brick
- quoining, voussoirs, and lintels.

- Stone inserts, including those decorated with Masonic symbols – the square,
- compass, and letter “G” – or inscribed with the place name and names of
- founding lodges – Masonic Temple, Acacia, and Ionic.
- Primary cornice above second storey windows.
- Secondary cornice below second floor windows.
- Symmetrical location of window and door openings on the front façade.

Key attributes that demonstrate the Westboro Masonic Temple's contextual value are:

- Its prominent siting near the intersection of Churchill Avenue and Byron Avenue

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Enacted by City Council at its meeting of
March 6, 2024.

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LEGAL SERVICES
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COUNCIL AUTHORITY:
City Council January 24, 2024
Agenda Item 12.8
(Built Heritage Committee Report No. 10)