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April 17, 2024

95 Kirby Road
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Designation of 95 Kirby Road, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

This letter is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of April 17, 2024, approved the following recommendation in respect of the above-noted item:

That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate 95 Kirby Road 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 April 17, 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 April 19, 2024. You will have 30 days from the publication date, until May 19, 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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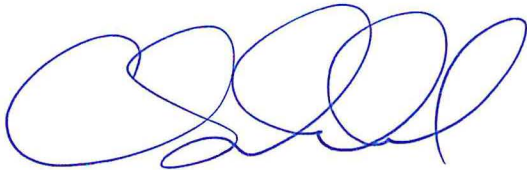
The notice of objection can be submitted via email to CityClerk-HeritageObjections@ottawa.ca, or via registered mail or in-person delivery, by appointment, at the following coordinates:

Caitlin Salter MacDonald, 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 Ashley Kotarba, Heritage Planner, at (613) 580-2424, ext. 23582 or by email at ashley.kotarba@ottawa.ca.

Regards,



Caitlin Salter MacDonald
City Clerk

c.c. Lesley Collins, City of Ottawa (lesley.collins@ottawa.ca)
Ashley Kotarba, City of Ottawa (ashley.kotarba@ottawa.ca)
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust (registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca)

Encl.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 95 KIRBY ROAD 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 19th day of April, 2024

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Ottawa, on April 17, 2024 established its intention to designate 95 Kirby Road under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

95 Kirby Road is a complex, multi gabled two storey vernacular style residence located on the northeast corner of Rowatt Street and Kirby Road in Britannia Village, Ottawa.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The Gables has design value as a representative example of Britannia's vernacular style cottage built around Britannia's peak as a summer resort from 1900-1914. Constructed around 1895, the building exemplifies the fully developed vernacular style which fully integrates the verandah into the structure, features second storey porches, and a larger, more complex, and picturesque massing. 95 Kirby Road is also a representative example of Shingle Style which is rare in Ottawa and Ontario. Shingle Style features include the use of natural materials including the horizontal lap siding and wood shingles, with decorative foci in the irregular shingle patterns in the gables and the arch-shaped spandrels. The Shingle Style is also illustrated by the complex massing of the porch, articulated walls, multiple chimneys, and several dormers and gables—the origin of the house's name, The Gables.

95 Kirby Road reflects the work of locally known carpenter and builder, Charles Robinson who worked throughout Britannia and Ottawa. He is credited with constructing several cottages in Britannia including 154 Britannia Road and 2775 Rowatt Street, and his aesthetic and elaboration on the basic form, heavily contributed to Britannia's vernacular style cottages. Robinson's other local projects included St. Stephen's Anglican Church and renovating Jamieson's Old Mill, both important buildings to the early cottage community.

The Gables contributes to the early cottage character of Britannia as a late nineteenth and early twentieth century summer resort. Built circa 1895, the architectural features of the house, high degree of retention of its original form and materials, use of natural materials, along with the lot's mature trees, casual landscaping, and setback, contribute to supporting Britannia's early cottage stock.

95 Kirby Road contributes to the early historical context of Britannia's cottage community preceding its golden period from 1900 to 1914. Before the extension of the streetcars to Britannia in 1900, the summer resort was frequented by Ottawa's well-to-do citizens who could afford to live in the city in addition to cottage at Britannia and could travel between the two. 95 Kirby Road demonstrates this group of early residents as The Gables was built for Mrs. Harriet Wainwright and her family around 1895, who wintered in Ottawa and spent their summers in Britannia until 1914.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the heritage value of 95 Kirby Road as a representative example of Britannia's vernacular cottage built prior its peak as a summer resort include:

- Complex massing with multiple gables, dormers, chimneys, and wall articulation
- Open wooden wraparound verandah on the west, south, and east façade with simple wood verandah ornamentation including arched spandrels
- Wood horizontal lap siding as primary cladding on first storey
- Decorative red brick chimneys
- Shingle Style influences including:
 - Cedar shingles used for cladding on the second storey
 - Second storey open porch with gable roof and clad in a decorative pattern, arched spandrels and simple railing clad in cedar shingles

Key attributes that demonstrate 95 Kirby Road's contextual value are:

- Its location in proximity to 2775 Rowatt Street, another house built by local builder, Charles Robinson, who developed the elaboration of the Britannia vernacular style cottage.

The interior of the building and any additions or outbuildings are excluded in this 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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