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**NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF BY-LAW 71-2017
TO DESIGNATE 249 RAGLAN STREET SOUTH TO BE OF
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Renfrew passed By-Law 71-2017 to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, Part IV, Section 29. A brief statement of reason is included:

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value/Description of Heritage Attributes

The property located at 249 Raglan Street South (Lot 15 & 16, Plan 3, Town of Renfrew), also known as the Renfrew Post Office, has cultural heritage value or interest. The property is located midblock on the east side of Raglan Street South between Renfrew Avenue East and Prince Avenue East. It has physical/design value because it is a representative example of the Romanesque Rival Post Offices constructed by the Federal Office of Public Works under Chief Architect David Ewart. It is unique in its use of stone as a cladding material. The 1956 addition, using the language of the International Moderne Style, is both sympathetic and secondary to the 1908 original structure in terms of its massing and the use of materials on its façade. The property has historical/associative value because it has direct associations with people and institutions that are significant to the community. This includes: the Federal Office of Public Works under Chief Architect David Ewart, with Aaron Abel Wright, the Customs Service, and the Post Office (which has been a continuous tenant since the building's opening in 1908). The property, notably the Post Office Building proper, demonstrates or reflects the work of several key architects and builders including: The Department of Public Works under Chief Architect David Ewart; Joseph Bourque and Co. from Hull Quebec; architect John McNichol of Renfrew; M. Sullivan and Son Ltd of Arnprior; and Belcour and Blair Architects (supported by J. Klassen Consulting Engineer and Raymond C. Gauthier). The property has contextual value because the Renfrew Post Office Building is important in defining and maintaining the streetscape character of Raglan Street South. It is linked physically to Renfrew's historic main street (Raglan Street South), it is visually a key part of the streetscape, and is historically linked to its surroundings. Its site was specifically chosen to serve as a terminal vista at the end of Renfrew Avenue West. It is also a community landmark.

Detailed reasons and further information respecting the designation of 249 Raglan Street South can be obtained by contacting Kim R. Bulmer, Town Clerk, at 613-432-4848, ext. 105 or at kbulmer@renfrew.ca

DATED at the Town of Renfrew
this 12th day of October, 2017

Town Clerk
Town of Renfrew

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RENFREW
BY-LAW NO. 71-2017

Being a by-law to designate 249 Raglan Street South
under Section 29, Part IV, of the Ontario Heritage Act.

WHEREAS Section 29, Part IV, of the *Ontario Heritage Act* provides for designation of individual properties by a municipality; and

WHEREAS in order for a municipality to designate a property under Section 29, Part IV, of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, it must be demonstrated that a property meets one of the criteria as prescribed under the O.Reg 9.06; and

WHEREAS 249 Raglan Street South was evaluated against said criteria, and it was determined that the property has cultural heritage value or interest; and,

WHEREAS Notice of the Designating By-law was published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Renfrew on August 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS no notice of the objection to the proposed designation was served to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew.


THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Renfrew hereby enacts as follows:

1. To designate under the authority of Section 29, Part IV, of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the following property within the Town of Renfrew as being of cultural heritage value and interest:
 - (a) 249 Raglan Street South.
2. The above mentioned property is more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
3. A copy of the Designating By-law shall be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the land described in Schedule "A" hereto and on The Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation within the Town.
4. The Town reserves the right to install a designated property plaque or interpretive panel.
5. This By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.


Read a first and second time this 10th day of October, 2017.

Read a third and final time this 10th day of October, 2017.


Don Eady, Mayor


Kim R. Bulmer, Clerk

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K. BULMER, CLERK

Schedule "A" to By-Law No. 71-2017

Description and Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: 249 Raglan Street South

Property Number: 474800003510400
Civic Address: 249 Raglan Street South
Lot/Concession: Lot 15 &16, Plan 3, Town of Renfrew

Description of Property

The Renfrew Post Office (also known as the Renfrew Government of Canada Building) as is located at 249 Raglan Street South within the Town of Renfrew, within the County of Renfrew. The legal description for the property is Lot 15 &16, Plan 3, Town of Renfrew, and it is also identified as Property Parcel # 474800003510400. It is located midblock on the east side of Raglan Street South between Renfrew Avenue East and Prince Avenue East. It serves as the terminal vista for Renfrew Avenue West at Raglan Street South, which formerly led to the railway. The property has access to both Raglan Street South and Plaunt Street South. The lot is dominated by the Renfrew Post Office Building, but also contains a parking lot off Plaunt Street South.

Summary of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property located at 249 Raglan Street South has cultural heritage value or interest. It has physical/design value because it is a representative example of the Romanesque Revival Post Offices constructed by the Federal Office of Public Works under Chief Architect David Ewart. It is unique in its use of stone as a cladding material. The 1956 addition, using the language of the International Moderne Style, is both sympathetic and secondary to the 1908 original structure in terms of its massing and the use of materials on its façade. The property has historical/associative value because it has direct associations with people and institutions that are significant to the community. This includes: the Federal Office of Public Works under Chief Architect David Ewart, with Aaron Abel Wright, the Customs Service, and the Post Office (which has been a continuous tenant since the building's opening in 1908). The property, notably the Post Office Building proper, demonstrates or reflects the work of several key architects and builders including: The Department of Public Works under Chief Architect David Ewart; Joseph Bourque and Co. from Hull Quebec; architect John McNichol of Renfrew; M. Sullivan and Son Ltd of Arnprior; and Belcour and Blair Architects (supported by J. Klassen Consulting Engineer and Raymond C. Gauthier). The property has contextual value because the Renfrew Post Office Building is important in defining and maintaining the streetscape character of Raglan Street South. It is linked physically to Renfrew's historic main street (Raglan Street South), it is visually a key part of the streetscape, and is historically linked to its surroundings. Its site was specifically chosen to serve as a terminal vista at the end of Renfrew Avenue West. It is also a community landmark.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes supporting the cultural heritage value and interest of 249 Raglan Street South include:

- The Romanesque Revival Design of the 1908 section of the building including the central projecting frontispiece;
- The different types of stone cladding (on the 1908, 1938, and 1956 sections);
- The 1923 clock tower with its weather vane;
- The mansard roof with dormers covered in steel roof (which is copper on the clock tower but copper coloured on other parts of the roof) on the 1908 section of the building;
- The symmetrical arrangement of the window and door openings on the façade including the twinned entrances on the 1908 buildings with their dressed stone pilasters and pediments (which over one door states Post Office and the other Customs);
- The front entrance steps;
- Surviving stone chimney's on the building;
- The 1908 date stone;
- The window lintels;
- The metal cornice, the base stringcourse, roof profile, and surviving access door opening (located on the north elevation) of the 1908 section of the building; and,
- The metal coat of arms and façade of the 1956 International Moderne style addition.