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Annex E – Bruyere Continuing Care
85 Primrose Avenue East
Ottawa, ON
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Ontario Heritage Trust

Dear Bruyere Continuing Care,

RE: Designation of 85 Primrose Avenue East, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

This letter is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of July 10, 2024, approved the following recommendation in respect of the above-noted item:

That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate 85 Primrose Avenue East 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 July 10, 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 July 19, 2024. You will have 30 days from the publication date, until August 18, 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 Heritage Planner, at (613) 580-2424, 74708 or by email at taylor.quibell@ottawa.ca.

Regards,



Caitlin Salter MacDonald
City Clerk

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 Taylor Quibell, Heritage Planner, City of Ottawa (taylor.quibell@ottawa.ca)
 John Martin (jomartin@bruyere.org)
 Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust (registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca)

Encl.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 85 PRIMROSE AVENUE EAST 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 10th day of July, 2024

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Ottawa, on July 19, 2024, established its intention to designate 85 Primrose Avenue East under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The former convent building at 85 Primrose Avenue East is a three and a half storey stone structure with a high mansard roof located at the intersection of Primrose Avenue East and Empress Avenue. Positioned at the top of Primrose Hill, the property's boundary is delineated by a steep escarpment to the north.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The former Our Lady of the Rosary Convent at 85 Primrose Avenue East was constructed in 1890 and is a representative example of a 19th century convent with Second Empire influences and Classical ornamentation. The Second Empire Style was commonly used in the design of early French Catholic institutions in Quebec. Characteristic of the Second Empire style, the building features gabled dormers in the high mansard roof, and a balanced asymmetrical façade. The stone building also features a simple string course, quoins, and voussoirs, typical of the Classical style.

The convent has cultural heritage value for its association with architect of the Ottawa diocese Georges Bouillon. He is best known for his ecclesiastical architecture including the House of Studies at 90 Primrose Avenue East and the Neo-Gothic chapel for the Rideau Street convent in Ottawa (now demolished but reassembled in the National Gallery of Canada).

The property has historical value for its direct associations with the Grey Nuns of the Cross and the development of women's education in the Ottawa region. The building was purpose built as a convent for the Grey Nuns of the Cross also known as Les Sœurs de la Charité d'Ottawa, a distinct Roman Catholic religious community of women who provided social ministry to the growing town of Bytown (today Ottawa). Through its history as a convent, the institution was responsible for the education of young French women in the early 20th century Ottawa, including Jeanne Sauvé, Canada's first female Speaker of the House and Governor General and Henriette Bourque, the first female lawyer to work for the federal Department of Justice. These women and others went on to make significant contributions to women's history in Canada in the 20th century.

The property also has historic associations with the Catholic francophone community in the area surrounding Primrose Hill which developed circa 1872. The convent and surrounding religious institutions were likely constructed to address the growing need for additional services on the Ontario side of the Ottawa River and a growing Catholic francophone community in this area in the late 19th century.

The convent has contextual value as it defines the character of Primrose Hill, an area in West Centretown located at the top of an escarpment, overlooking LeBreton Flats. Primrose Hill is defined by several religious buildings including a monastery complex (90 Primrose Avenue East and 96 Empress Avenue), École St-Jean-Baptiste (755 Somerset Street West) and residential properties many of which were constructed in the late 19th early 20th century. The property is linked to its surroundings as part of this cluster of French-Canadian religious institutions that have similar construction dates and ecclesiastical function.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the heritage value of 85 Primrose Avenue East as a representative example of a 19th century convent with Second Empire influences and classical ornamentation include:

- Rectangular plan and three and a half storey massing
- Natural limestone construction
- Mansard roof with evenly spaced gabled dormers
- Simple stone string course on the first storey and subtle stone quoins
- Stone voussoirs above the second and third storey windows
- Balanced asymmetrical façades with equally spaced rectangular window openings and stone sills
- Remaining stained glass windows on the south façade
- Two stone chimneys
- First and second storey entrances on the south façade
- Staircase on the east façade to a second storey entrance

Key attributes that demonstrate its contextual value include:

- Its prominent siting on top of Primrose Hill overlooking Lorne Avenue and LeBreton Flats
- Its location within a cluster of religious buildings
- Its orientation facing Église de Saint-Jean-Baptiste (90 Primrose Avenue East)

The designation is limited to the exterior of the building. The interior of the building 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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