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Ontario Heritage Trust

Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: Designation of The Sycamore, 178 Cambridge Street North, under Part IV of the  
*Ontario Heritage Act***

This letter is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of October 16, 2024, approved the following recommendation in respect of the above-noted item:

**That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate The Sycamore, 178  
Cambridge Street North 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 October 16, 2024, can be found on the City's website at [ottawa.ca/agendas](http://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](http://Ottawa.ca/heritagenotices) on October 30, 2024. You will have 30 days from the publication date, until November 29, 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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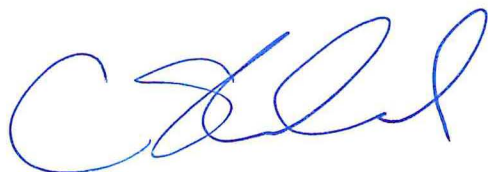
The notice of objection can be submitted via email to [CityClerk-HeritageObjections@ottawa.ca](mailto:CityClerk-HeritageObjections@ottawa.ca), or via registered mail or in-person delivery, by appointment, at the following coordinates:

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](mailto: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 Sara Wehbi, Heritage Planner, at (613) 580-2424, 21589 or by email at [Sara.Wehbi@ottawa.ca](mailto:Sara.Wehbi@ottawa.ca).

Regards,



Caitlin Salter MacDonald  
City Clerk

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Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust ([registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca](mailto:registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca))

Encl.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE THE SYCAMORE, 178 CAMBRIDGE STREET NORTH 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 30th day of October, 2024

**TAKE NOTICE** that the City of Ottawa, on October, 16, 2024 established its intention to designate 178 Cambridge Street North under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

178 Cambridge Street North, known as The Sycamore, is a detached two-and-a-half storey brick-veneered Queen Anne Revival building in the Dalhousie neighbourhood in Somerset Ward. The property is located on the west side of Cambridge Street North, between Somerset Street West and Christie Street. The existing house is estimated to have been constructed between 1899 and 1901, when it replaced an earlier wood house from the 1870s.

**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

178 Cambridge Street North has design and physical value as a representative example of the Queen Anne Revival architectural style. Queen Anne Revival was a prominent residential architectural style during the Victorian period from the 1870s to the 1910s which was rooted in a rekindled interest in the vernacular architecture of the medieval and Elizabethan periods. Queen Anne Revival homes are "busy" and ornate, with lots of complexity in detail. They typically feature asymmetrical facades, multiple construction materials, decorative ornamentation, and turrets. The Queen Anne Revival style is exemplified in the house at 178 Cambridge Street North by its multiple construction materials, irregular massing, turret, and decorative ornamentation.

178 Cambridge Street North has design and physical value as it displays a high degree of craftsmanship. This is demonstrated in the detailed architectural ornamentation including a turret, carved wood front door, and carved wood crest on the facade.

178 Cambridge Street North has contextual value as it supports the mixed architectural character of the area west of Bronson Avenue, which is defined by buildings constructed before and after the Great Fire of 1900. While the house was not damaged by the fire as the fire did not reach Cambridge Street North, the replacement of the original modest wood house with a more substantial and contemporary Queen Anne Revival house during this time coincided with the reconstruction of several lost buildings in the area, situating the property in the context of a neighbourhood in transition. There is a prevalence of Victorian and Edwardian era houses in this area from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries built in vernacular or revival styles with varying degrees of decorative detail, including front-gable houses, flat roofed houses, worker's cottages, and row housing, which together create a mixed residential streetscape.

178 Cambridge Street North has contextual value because it is physically and historically linked to its location in the Dalhousie neighbourhood. The property shares a history with the

surrounding properties on Cambridge Street North, which together formed the old Sherwood Estate until the lands were divided into smaller lots and sold for development by Hon. George Sherwood. Sherwood's land auctions in the 1860s and 1870s sparked a wave of development, with most lots sold to players in the local lumber industry. Lumberyards and railyards first defined the area, which grew in the late 19<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries with an influx of labourers and tradespeople working in industrial areas around LeBreton Flats. The property's proximity to Somerset Street and its walkable distance to the industrial activity at LeBreton Flats would have made its location attractive to workers seeking local employment opportunities. Like many properties in the Dalhousie neighbourhood, the early history of 178 Cambridge Street North is associated with builders and contractors. The original wood house was home to several labourers and tradespeople, including Herman Hayner, who built the existing Queen Anne Revival house on the property. Hayner was a contractor who built houses locally and was a founding member of the Carpenters' Union, which met one block west from the property on the corner of Somerset and Arthur Streets.

## **DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the heritage value of 178 Cambridge Street North as a representative example of a Queen Anne Revival building include:

- Two-and-a-half storey rectangular massing with red brick cladding on the first storey and stucco on the second storey.
- A front gable with two side gables on north façade.
- Octagonal turret on the south façade.
- Front porch with pediment, double classical-styled columns, and cedar shingle skirting.
- Front gable end with scalloped shingles and a fan-shaped motif.
- Dentilled wood cornice above the second storey.
- Cedar shingle skirting between first and second storey.
- Crest on the front façade on the second storey with an oak leaf spray and acorn design inscribed with "The Sycamore."
- Wood front door with a circular window insert carved with a wreath, torches, and a flower motif.
- Undulating brick stringcourse above the first storey windows.
- Window openings, mostly rectangular, with flat brick voussoirs and stone sills on first storey.
- Leaded and coloured glass windows on first and third storey.
- Circular windows in gable ends on north façade.
- Stone foundation.

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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