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Eglise Evangelique Baptiste d'Ottawa
2120 Prince Charles Road,
Ottawa, ON K2A 3L3

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Ontario Heritage Trust

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Designation of 284 King Edward Avenue, the Église Évangélique Baptiste d'Ottawa, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

This letter is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of January 22, 2025, approved the following recommendation in respect of the above-noted item:

That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate 284 King Edward Avenue, the Église Évangélique Baptiste d'Ottawa 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 January 22, 2025, 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 February 5, 2025. You will have 30 days from the publication date, until March 7, 2025, 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.

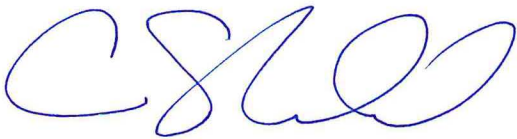
The notice of objection can be submitted via email to CityClerk-HeritageObjections@ottawa.ca, or via registered mail or in-person delivery, by appointment, at the following coordinates:

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, 23582 or by email at Ashley.Kotarba@ottawa.ca.

Regards,



Caitlin Salter MacDonald
City Clerk

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 Ashley Kotarba, Heritage Planner, City of Ottawa (Ashley.Kotarba@ottawa.ca)
 Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust (registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca)

Encl.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 284 KING EDWARD AVENUE, THE ÉGLISE ÉVANGÉLIQUE BAPTISTE D'OTTAWA 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 5th day of February, 2025

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Ottawa, on January 22, 2025 established its intention to designate 284 King Edward Avenue, the Église Évangélique Baptiste d'Ottawa under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The French Baptist Church also known as the Église baptiste française, now the Église Évangélique Baptiste d'Ottawa at 284 King Edward Avenue is a red brick structure with limestone details and stone foundation. The Gospel Hall was built in 1904 and the sanctuary and tower were added to the site in 1919-20. The site is located at the southwest corner of Clarence Street and King Edward Avenue in Ottawa's Lowertown neighbourhood.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The cultural heritage value of the Église Évangélique Baptiste d'Ottawa is found in its design value as a representative example of interwar church architecture with Late Gothic Revival influences, its historical association with the Ottawa's French Baptist community, and its contextual value as one of several red brick institutional buildings on King Edward Avenue.

The Église Évangélique Baptiste d'Ottawa has design value as a representative example of interwar church architecture influenced by the Late Gothic Revival style, a style that was popular in Ottawa during the interwar period and often used for institutional buildings. Typical of the style, the church features a dichromatic material palette using primarily red brick with simple stone detailing, a steeply pitched roof and prominent tower, buttressing and, leaded glass windows with tracery. The earliest part of the building, the Gospel Hall, was constructed in 1904 on the northern part of the site and was rolled across the lot in 1919 to the southern edge. This was an uncommon practice for this era, displaying a degree of technical merit.

The church has cultural heritage value for its association with local architect William James Abra. In 1919, the congregation engaged Abra of the Ottawa architectural firm Richards and Abra to design the new church that would incorporate the existing Gospel Hall. It was the first French Baptist Church in Ontario.

The Église Évangélique Baptiste d'Ottawa has historical value for its associations with the establishment and growth of French Baptism in Ottawa and with francophone history in Lowertown. Baptist pastor, Reverend George Rainboth McFaul first held French services in a rented hall on Clarence Street in 1901. Over the next three years,

he would hold services in various locations around Lowertown until the growing congregation purchased the property at the corner of King Edward Avenue and Clarence Street and built a Gospel Hall in 1904. As the congregation continued to grow, funds were raised to move the hall from the corner of Clarence and King Edward to the rear of the lot in order to build a new, larger church building on the site in 1919.

The church has contextual value as it is physically and historically linked to its surroundings as one of several early 20th century institutional buildings on King Edward Avenue including the former Adath Jeshurun Synagogue (1904), Hydro Station No. 4 (1931) and the Champagne Bath (1922).

It is also functionally linked to the Francophone community in Lowertown, having continuously provided French services since its establishment at the beginning of the 20th century. The church is important in maintaining the historic character of Lowertown, reflecting the neighbourhood's eclectic mix of buildings dating from the 19th and early 20th centuries.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The following attributes that express the cultural heritage value of the Église Évangélique Baptiste d'Ottawa as an example of interwar church architecture with Late Gothic Revival influences:

- Red brick cladding and stone foundation
- Asymmetrical north façade
- Steeply pitched gable roof
- Brick details including buttresses and voussoirs
- Limestone details including keystones
- Brick parapet on the north façade topped with dressed stone and a small crest stone at the top of the gable
- Variety of asymmetrically arranged windows including:
 - Segmentally arched triple windows on the east and west façades
 - Multipaned windows on the north façade
 - Tall rectangular windows on the tower with cathedral glass and tracery
 - A central rose memorial window with tracery and stained glass, dedicated to former member of the congregation Edmund C. Lawrence, killed in the First World War
 - Stained glass memorial window to former member of the congregation George Reymond, killed in the First World War
- The square tower at the north east corner featuring:
 - main entrance with segmental arched double paneled wood doors
 - tapered stone corbels with stringcourse

- stepped corner piers and louvered openings
- The south wing, containing the original Gospel Hall with its:
 - simple, front gable roof
 - row of rectangular windows

The contextual value of the French Baptist Church is embodied in its prominent location at the southwest corner of King Edward Avenue and Clarence Street.

The designation is limited to the footprint and envelope of the church. The interior of the building is excluded.

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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