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Your Excellency,

RE: Designation of 200 First Avenue under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

This letter is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of May 28, 2025, approved the following recommendation in respect of the above-noted item:

That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate 200 First Avenue 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 May 28, 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 June 11, 2025. You will have 30 days from the publication date, until July 11, 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.

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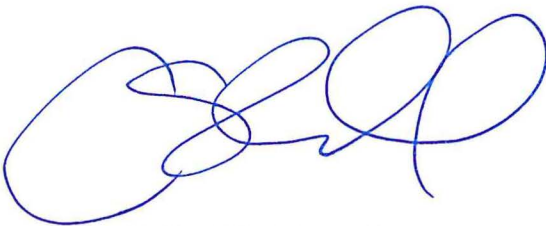
The notice of objection can be submitted via email to CityClerk-HeritageObjections@ottawa.ca, or via registered mail or in-person delivery, by appointment, at the following coordinates:

Caitlin Salter MacDonald, City Clerk
c/o Andrew El-Azzi, Committee Coordinator
110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1, mail code 01-71

To make an appointment, please contact Andrew El-Azzi, Committee Coordinator at 613-580-2424, ext. 21934, or at Andrew.El-Azzi2@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 Sampoorna Bhattacharya, at (613) 580-2424, 21580 or by email at sampoorna.bhattacharya@ottawa.ca

Regards,



Caitlin Salter MacDonald
City Clerk

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Encl.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE 200 FIRST AVENUE 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 11th day of June, 2025

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Ottawa, on May 28, 2025 established its intention to designate 200 First Avenue under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The former Carling Exchange at 200 First Avenue is a two-storey red brick L-shaped building constructed in 1913. The property is located within the Glebe neighbourhood of Ottawa.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The property at 200 First Avenue has design value as a representative example of the Beaux-Arts architectural style, an expressive style evoking grandeur, stability and permanence, often featuring classical elements, and most commonly applied to turn-of-the-century-buildings. The former Carling Exchange building features wide massing, symmetrical façade, and central entrance. The building is composed of five bays of windows and a raised basement and displays classical elements including a symmetrical façade, a large cornice, pilasters, decorative brickwork, and central entrance with portico.

The former Carling Exchange has historical value for its direct associations with the Bell Telephone Company and the themes of development of telecommunications in Ottawa and women in the Canadian workforce. Purpose-built in 1913 as the third Bell Telephone Company switchboard exchange in Ottawa, the Carling Exchange provided telephone services to the surrounding area until the 1940s. The property symbolizes a time of growth, technological advancement, and increased wealth in Ottawa. The former Carling Exchange building sheds light on the history of women in the Canadian workforce. The Bell Telephone Company was established in 1877 and the first telephone exchange in Canada was built in 1878 in Hamilton, Ontario. By the year 1900, Bell exclusively hired women to work as switchboard operators, a position that demanded a high degree of patience, quick thinking and physical exertion.

The property has historical value because it demonstrates the work of prominent Ottawa architect John Albert Ewart. Ewart was the architect for Ottawa's first telephone exchange, known as the Queen Exchange at 60 Queen Street (now demolished) and likely the second telephone exchange at 251 Besserer Street, which is an architectural twin of this building. Ewart's most well-known works includes the Booth Building (165 Sparks Street), the Wellington Building (former Metropolitan Life Assurance Building), Knox Presbyterian Church at 120 Lisgar Street, and several schools.

The former Carling Exchange has contextual value because it is important in supporting the character of the Glebe neighbourhood. The property is located near Bank Street, the neighbourhood's central artery for commercial activity. The character of the former Carling Exchange aligns with the commercial buildings in the area which have low and wide massing

and feature rich exterior materials including red and buff-coloured brick veneers, wood and limestone. Many of their façades employ heavy cornices, and stone lintels, sills and keystones juxtaposed with red brick.

The property has contextual value because it is historically and functionally linked to its surroundings. Although the history of the Glebe dates to the construction of the Rideau Canal in 1827, the neighbourhood flourished and grew in the 1870s and evolved into a streetcar suburb with the extension of the streetcar line in 1891. The establishment of the Carling Exchange is linked to the neighbourhood and city's growth and development in the early 20th century. The expanding demand for services such as telephone and electricity are seen in this building and other related infrastructure such as Hydro Substation No. 2 on Glebe Avenue.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the heritage value of the former Carling Exchange at 200 First Avenue as a representative example of a Beaux-Arts commercial building include:

- Two-storey massing with raised basement
- Red brick cladding with recessed stringcourses below the first storey
- Symmetrical front façade with five bays and central entrance including:
 - double front doors
 - large square window divided into several lites
 - decorative metal and stone entablature surrounding entrance including volutes and pediment
- Two-storey brick pilasters with stone bases and capitals separating bays of windows
- Decorative brickwork between first and second storeys on the north and west facades
- Window openings with stone lintels and sills
- Stone string courses
- Stone roundels
- Flat roof with large overhanging cornice

The interior of the building is excluded from 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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