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To 

RE: Designation of église Saint-François-d'Assise, 1062 Wellington Street West 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 église Saint-François-d'Assise, 1062 Wellington Street West 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
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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 Kirsty Walker, Built Heritage Research Coordinator at (613) 580-2424, 22581 or by email at Kirsty.Walker@ottawa.ca.

Regards,



Caitlin Salter MacDonald
City Clerk

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Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust (registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca)

Encl.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE ÉGLISE SAINT-FRANÇOIS-D'ASSISE, 1062 WELLINGTON STREET WEST 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 église Saint-François-d'Assise, 1062 Wellington Street West under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Église Saint-François-d'Assise located at 1062 Wellington Street West is a stone church with two uneven towers and a cruciform plan located on the southwest corner of Wellington Street West and Fairmont Avenue in the Hintonburg neighbourhood of Ottawa. The site also includes the stone wall delineating the original Capuchin Fathers' property at 101 Duhamel Street.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The Romanesque Revival style was popular in Canada from the 1840s to the early 1900s and the heavy, formal style was used in institutional, religious, civic, and commercial buildings. Église Saint-François-d'Assise is representative of the Romanesque Revival style with its grand massing, heavy stone construction, square towers, semi-circular windows, rose windows, and an entrance with rounded arch doors and Classical columns. The façades are original, displaying the building's high degree of architectural integrity and a high degree of craftsmanship is demonstrated by its repeating decorative designs in the masonry, belfries, and parapet, and the open concept nave without pillars demonstrates its high degree of technical achievement.

Église Saint-François-d'Assise is a local landmark for its architectural features, the church's sheer size, grand staircase and entrance, and its location prominently fronting on Wellington Street lend to its imposing form at the centre of Hintonburg. Its spire projecting into the skyline can be seen and formerly its bells tolling could be heard for blocks around. Its stone construction, irregular setback to accommodate the street's curve, and religious function also define and support the late 19th to mid 20th century built character of Hintonburg village and Wellington Street West.

The church was designed by prominent architect Charles Brodeur of Hull, Quebec who significantly contributed to the ecclesiastical architecture in the Outaouais region in the early 20th century, as well as designing a range of public and commercial buildings locally. Église Saint-François-d'Assise represents Brodeur's largest and most complex among his portfolio of Roman Catholic churches.

The église Saint-François-d'Assise is associated with the Catholic Church which has significantly contributed to many neighbourhoods in Ottawa, including Hintonburg. The Capuchin Fathers, a Franciscan order within the Catholic Church from France, established the parish in 1890 and their property formerly included an 1891 church and monastery. The Fathers remain associated with the current church. Église Saint-François-d'Assise contributes to a greater understanding of the Capuchin Fathers and their predominantly French-Canadian Catholic congregation. The growth of French-speaking Catholic population in Hintonburg in the late 19th to early 20th century stimulated the need for the construction of the second and current église Saint-François-d'Assise.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Key attributes that contribute to the heritage value of 1062 Wellington Street West as a representative example of a Romanesque Revival church include:

Exterior

- Cruciform plan
- Two uneven towers with decorative belfries and spire capped in tin
- Stone construction
- Stone detailing including:
 - Stringcourses and bands
 - Smooth stone corners on front façade
 - Quoins
 - Two statuary niches with the statues of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Anthony
 - Stylistic crosses
 - Stone window surrounds with quoins and keystones, or hood moulding
 - Date stone and cornerstone
- Central stepped parapet with cross and flanking turrets
- Central front entrance with:
 - Three rounded arch doorways with wooden doors and fanlights
 - Corinthian columns
 - Label stops
 - Semi-circular rose window shaped transom and semi-circular arched windows

- Central rose windows on the:
 - Front façade
 - East and west transepts
 - Chapel gable end
- Central rounded arch window opening on the north façade with a semi-circular rose window, three rose windows, and oval window openings
- Wooden windows with coloured glass
- Five bells housed in the eastern tower
- Presence of a chimney

Interior

- Open vault creating a nave with no columns
- Classically inspired pilasters with capitals
- Two side galleries and an organ gallery
- Chapel with:
 - Wood panelling
 - Fresco
- Sacristy with wood cabinets and panelling

Key attributes that demonstrate 1062 Wellington Street West's contextual value as a landmark in Hintonburg include:

- Grand entrance with staircase from Wellington Street West
- Location, deep setback, and orientation on Wellington Street West
- Prominence as focal point in Hintonburg due to its visibility throughout the surrounding neighbourhood from all directions, especially its towers
- Presence of a stone wall that delineates the Capuchin Fathers' property enclosing the former yard along Fairmont Avenue and Duhamel Street

The interior of the offices and basement, and Hintonburg Park (101 Duhamel Street) and alterations to the stone wall (openings and metal gates) are excluded in 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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