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To 

**RE: Designation of église Saint-Joseph, d'Orléans, 2757 St. Joseph Boulevard
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-Joseph, d'Orléans, 2757 St. Joseph Boulevard 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.

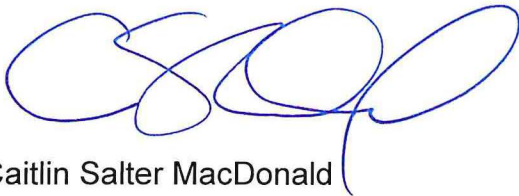
The notice of objection can be submitted via email to CityClerk-HeritageObjections@ottawa.ca, or via registered mail or in-person delivery, by appointment, at the following coordinates:

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 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-JOSEPH, D'ORLÉANS,
2757 ST. JOSEPH BOULEVARD 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-Joseph, d'Orléans, 2757 St. Joseph Boulevard under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

2757 St. Joseph Boulevard is located on the north side of St. Joseph Boulevard in Orléans. The site contains a church, known as église Saint-Joseph d'Orléans as well as a rectory, cemetery and grotto. Bilberry Creek runs through the property.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The église Saint-Joseph d'Orléans is a representative example of a Gothic Revival church in Ottawa. The church was completed in 1922 in rusticated limestone, replacing an earlier 1885 church on the site. Elements characteristic of the Gothic Revival style are its pointed arch windows, cruciform plan, central tower, and rose windows. The building is attributed to architect Reverend Georges Bouillon (1841-1932), best known for his Gothic Revival designs. He designed several religious buildings in the Ottawa area including the Rideau Street convent (now demolished but reassembled in the National Gallery of Canada) and Our Lady of the Rosary Convent (85 Primrose Avenue East). The adjoining rectory was constructed in 1891 in the Second Empire style and predates the existing church building. Typical of the style, the building features a symmetrical design, mansard roof, and dormers.

The property is associated with the growth of the Catholic Church in eastern Ottawa. Father Joseph-Eugène Bruno Guigues was the first archbishop of Bytown (Ottawa) and wanted to grow the diocese. In 1849, Guigues invited Catholics from Lower Canada to settle in his parish rather than immigrating to the United States. Early settler François Dupuis approached the archbishop of Bytown in 1849 about establishing a mission in Gloucester Township, the area where Orléans would later form, and that same year, the first Catholic chapel in Orléans was constructed on land owned by Dupuis. A priest from Cumberland or Bytown would visit the chapel every few weeks until the congregation grew large enough to support its own fulltime priest. In 1860, the first resident priest Alphonse-Marius Chaîne arrived, formalizing the creation of the Orléans parish. The church is important to the growth of the Catholic church in Orléans, which continues to serve the Catholic community since its opening.

2757 St. Joseph Boulevard's historical and contextual value lies in its associations to St. Joseph Boulevard, and the development of the village of Saint-Joseph d'Orléans, later

known as Orléans. Stemming from missionaries in the area and the establishment of a formal parish, the village of Saint-Joseph d'Orléans was established in the 1850s. Early settlers François Dupuis, Luc Major, and Théodore Besserer played integral roles in the establishment of the village, parish, and naming of the area. The property is linked to the mixed 19th and 20th century historic stone, brick and wood-frame buildings along St. Joseph Boulevard which are connected by its their commercial, residential, institutional, and agricultural uses along the road. Orléans would develop further in the 1960s as a predominantly suburban community, with a high concentration of francophone families.

With prominent frontage on St. Joseph Boulevard with an imposing limestone construction and a tall spire visible from a distance, and the large property make the church a landmark in Orléans.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Key attributes of the église Saint-Joseph d'Orléans that contribute to the heritage value as a 20th century Gothic Revival church include:

- Cruciform plan
- Rough limestone construction with smooth stone quoins and pier buttresses
- Symmetrical façade with:
 - Central tower including:
 - Spire
 - Latin cross and tin roof
 - Entrance accessed by stairs facing St. Joseph Boulevard
 - Wooden door with pointed arch transom
 - Angled crenellated side towers capped with tin and wooden entrance doors with pointed arch transoms
- Window openings including:
 - The remaining original hand-painted window in the west transept
 - Pointed arch windows with coloured glass
 - Rose windows located on the front façade, and in each transept
 - Window surrounds with quoins
- 1920 cornerstone
- Interior attributes include:
 - Rib vaulted ceiling supported by columns with decorative capitals
 - Rear gallery, and presence of galleries in the apse

Key exterior attributes of the rectory that contribute to the heritage value as a 20th century stone building in the Second Empire style include:

- Rough limestone construction with mansard roof and dormers
- Symmetrical façade with central entrance, with gable and Latin cross
- Segmental arched windows

Key attributes that demonstrate 2757 St. Joseph Boulevard's contextual value as a landmark in Orléans:

- Location, deep setback, and orientation on St. Joseph Boulevard
- Prominence as focal point in Orléans due to its visibility from throughout the surrounding neighbourhood from all directions especially its tower and spire
- Large property bisected by Bilberry Creek with its mature trees
- Spatial arrangement of the buildings and landscape including grotto, and cemetery

The interior of the rectory, and the later rear and side additions are 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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