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**Re: DESIGNATION OF THE FORMER OVERBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL, 149 KING
GEORGE STREET, UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

Dea 

This is to advise you that the Council of the City of Ottawa, at its meeting of 13 July 2016 approved the following recommendation as contained in Planning Committee Report 28, Item 6:

That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the former Overbrook Public School, 149 King George Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value attached as Document 5.

Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Intention to Designate served according to the Act to be published in Ottawa Community News and Le Droit on July 21, 2016. You will have 30 days from July 21, 2016 to file an objection to the designation.

Should you require further information, please contact Lesley Collins, Planner, Heritage Services Section, directly at (613) 580-2424, extension 21586 or by email at Lesley.Collins@ottawa.ca.

Yours truly,

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M. Rick O'Connor, CMO
City Clerk and Solicitor

c.c. Lesley Collins, Planner, Heritage Services Section, PGM (01-14)
Ontario Heritage Trust, 10 Adelaide Street East, 3rd Floor, Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

IN THE MATTER OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*

Notice of Intention to Designate

The City of Ottawa on July 13, 2016 established its intention to designate the former Overbrook Public School, 149 King George Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

Description of Property

The former Overbrook Public School, 149 King George Street, is a two-storey rectangular building clad in red brick and constructed in three phases in 1916, 1947 and 1955. The building is located on the corner of King George and Quill Streets in the Overbrook neighbourhood.

Heritage Value

The former Overbrook Public School has design value as a simple example of the Collegiate Gothic style, popular for school construction across North America from 1900-1930. A late variation of the Gothic Revival style, the Collegiate Gothic style was inspired by the British universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Features of the building typical of the style include the use of red brick and limestone, symmetrical facades with evenly spaced windows and the decorative stone details. The building also has physical value because it was designed in anticipation of later additions; it was an asymmetric two room school, which remained until 1947, when a large L-shaped addition was built to accommodate the first children of the baby boom.

Overbrook Public School has historic value for its association with the development of public schools in former Gloucester Township in the early 20th century. Constructed beginning in 1916, Overbrook Public School is one of the earliest remaining buildings in Overbrook. The building has associative value as an example of the work of two Ottawa architectural firms. Millson and Burgess, responsible for the design of the original building in 1916, was a prolific architectural firm in Ottawa in the early 20th century, designing a variety of buildings including churches, libraries and private residences in Ottawa and the surrounding area. Architect Walter Sylvester designed the 1947 addition to the building. Sylvester was a long time Overbrook resident and trained under celebrated Ottawa architect W.E. Noffke in the early 20th century. In the 1940s, Sylvester designed additions to several schools in former Gloucester Township.

Prominently located on a corner, Overbrook Public School has contextual value as a local landmark which has served as a community hub and serves as a reminder of the community's early development.

Heritage Attributes

Key elements that embody Overbrook Public School's cultural heritage value as an example of the Collegiate Gothic style include:

- two-storey massing with a high basement and flat roof;
- red brick construction with limestone details;
- symmetrical facades;
- prominent cornice with stone frieze;
- the central projecting bay on the south facade including:
 - double door with transom window and brick voussoirs and limestone key stone over the door;
 - carved date stone,
 - stone panel inscribed with the words "Overbrook Public School";
 - brick pilasters with limestone caps that break the cornice; and
 - parapet capped with a brick and stone pediment;
- rectangular window openings with stone sills and brick lintels in groups of three on south facade and the 1916 portion of the west façade;
- rectangular window openings with continuous sills in groups of six on the 1947 east and west facades;
- entrance bays on the east and west facades with large stairwell windows, double doors with transom windows and stone capped brick pilasters and pedimented parapets; and
- decorative stone and brick details on the east and west facades.

The contextual value of the former Overbrook Public School as a local landmark is embodied through its location at the corner of King George Street and Quill Street.

Only the 1916 and 1947 portions of the building are included in the designation. Later additions and the interior of the building are excluded from this designation.

OBJECTIONS

Any person wishing to object to this designation may do so by letter, outlining reasons for the objections and other relevant information. These must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa either by registered mail or personally delivered by August 22, 2016.

Dated at Ottawa this 14th day of July 2016

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M. Rick O'Connor, CMO
City Clerk and Solicitor