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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN AS  
2161 RIVERSIDE DRIVE WEST IN THE CITY OF WINDSOR  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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ONTARIO HERITAGE FOUNDATION  
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**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings known as 2161 Riverside Drive West as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act:

**Statement of Significance/Reasons for Designation**

**2161 Riverside Drive West**

(Plan 766; Lot 19, east part lot 18, south part Lot 20)

**Description of Historic Place**

The Ross-Struthers House is on the south side of Riverside Drive West between Rankin Avenue and Randolph Place. The house was built c1906 in the Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival style, converted to multiple-family in the 1950s, and has been in continuous use.

**Heritage Value**

**Historic Value:**

**Historical Importance:**

This house was built c1906 when the town of Sandwich was growing toward Windsor (the boundary was two blocks east). The first occupant was Edward H. Ross, who in 1914 was a signer of the surrounding plat used for prominent houses. In the 1920s and 1930s the resident was E.R.C. Struthers, proprietor of Concrete Bumper Company. The present owners acquired it in 1989.

**Architectural Importance:**

This house is stucco, two-storey, with a flat roof and a façade that is almost symmetrical. A projecting one-storey porch is across the full width; it has four piers with wide arches between, and a sculpted parapet with compound arches; original roof drains remain at the corners. The second floor has wide arched windows similar to the porch, all with stucco surrounds. The roofline above the second floor has an arch on the front right corner similar to the porch; on the left front it is castellated. Stucco coping is along parapet edges on both floors.

The style is "Mission" or "Spanish Colonial Revival". Typical style elements include stucco walls, curved parapets with coping, wide porches, and tile roofs; symmetry is a common feature. The identity of the original designer is unknown.

### **Contextual Importance:**

This location is in the former town of Sandwich, built fronting the river-front road, Sandwich Street (now Riverside Drive West in Windsor). The sides of the c1906 house are perpendicular to the river's edge, and the front is set far back from the street (see aerial photo).

In contrast, the 1914 platted lot lines of Registered Plan 766 (and the sides of adjacent houses) are parallel to the farm lot edges, at 28° west of magnetic north or several degrees more northerly than the older house. The plat includes both sides of what is now Randolph Place (formerly Park Place and Casgrain Place) between Riverside Drive and University Avenue West (formerly London Street). That block has several large homes, including Register-listed properties at 205 and 218 Randolph Place.

### **Character Defining Elements**

#### **Items that contribute to the historical value include:**

- Its association with Edward H. Ross, involved with surrounding development in the municipality of Sandwich, and with Windsor business owner E.R.C. Struthers.

#### **Exterior features that contribute to the architectural value include:**

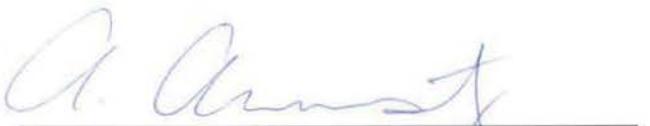
- Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival style, constructed c1906
- Stucco finish
- Two storeys, flat roof
- One-storey porch across the full width, with four piers with wide arches between, sculpted parapet with compound arches, original roof drains at the corners, and flat roof
- Stucco coping along parapet edges on both floors
- Stucco surrounds for windows and porch openings
- Second-floor wide arched windows
- Second-floor roofline has an arch on the front right corner similar to the porch; on the left front it is castellated

#### **Characteristics that contribute to the contextual value include:**

- It's location along Riverside Drive West at an angle to its newer neighbours, and set back further from the street

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Windsor notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

**DATED** at Windsor, Ontario this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011  
Agatha Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk & Supervisor of Council Services



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