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File No. ACS2015-PAI-PGM-0050

10 September 2015

Main & Main  
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Attn: Daniel Byrne



Re: DESIGNATION OF CHAMPLAIN OIL GAS STATION, 70 RICHMOND ROAD,  
UNDER PART IV OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*

Dear Mr. Byrne:

This is to advise you that the Council of the City of Ottawa, at its meeting of 09 September 2015, approved the following recommendation as contained in Planning Committee Report 12A Item 8:

**That Council issue a Notice of Intention to designate 70 Richmond Road 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 September 10 and September 11, 2015. You will have 30 days from September 11, 2015 to file an objection to the designation..

Should you require further information, please contact Lesley Collins, Heritage Planner, Planning and Growth Management Department, directly at (613) 580-2424, extension 21586, or by e-mail at [Lesley.Collins@ottawa.ca](mailto:Lesley.Collins@ottawa.ca).

Yours truly,



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

c.c. Lesley Collins, Planner, Development Review Services Branch (01-14)  
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## IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

The City of Ottawa on September 9, 2015, established its intention to designate the following heritage property for its cultural heritage value.

### Description of Property

Constructed in 1934, the former Champlain Oil Company Service Station, 70 Richmond Road, is a small, irregularly shaped, stucco-clad building. It is located on the southwest corner of Richmond Road and Island Park Drive at the edge of Westboro, in the City of Ottawa.

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Champlain Oil Company Service Station has cultural heritage value as one of Ottawa's few remaining pre-Second World War service stations built when car ownership was becoming more popular. Its location on Richmond Road when it was the main highway to the west also contributes to its historical and contextual value.

The building is an interesting example of a 1930s service station, many of which were designed to evoke other building forms such as castles or houses. The former service centre is domestic in scale, designed to resemble an English cottage. Features of the building that illustrate this include the rounded-arch doorway and round-headed windows, the rectangular windows, each with an overhanging shed roof with brackets, the twin chimneys and the steeply pitched gable roof.

The Champlain Oil Company Service Station is historically valuable for its association with the growth of private automobile ownership in Ottawa. In the early years of the car, gasoline was usually purchased by the can from the local blacksmith or from pumps in front of a general store. The first full service gas station was constructed in Pittsburgh, PA in 1913. By the late 1920s, the rapid increase in private ownership of automobiles prompted the construction of service stations devoted solely to selling gasoline and servicing automobiles.

Contextual value is found in the building's location on Richmond Road, which played an integral role in the development of the small, rural villages west of Bytown, and later Ottawa as the main highway into the city.

### Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of 70 Richmond Road as an example of a cottage-style, pre-Second World War service station include:

- irregular plan, comprised of three parts; the house-form commercial section, the adjoining office area and the two-bay service section;

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- rounded-arch doorway with wooden round arched door with round window;
- rectangular windows with transoms and overhanging shed roofs with brackets;
- slender round arched windows on the east façade
- twin chimneys;
- variety of roof types, including a gable roof, curved roof and a truncated hipped roof with standing seam metal roofing;
- decorative eaves;
- engaged columns in west section of the building; and
- its location on Richmond Road.

## 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 11 October, 2015.

Dated at Ottawa this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.



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