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Dear Sir/Madam:

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Ottawa on the 4th day of May, 1994, established its Intention to Designate the property known municipally as 9 Fleet Street, Pooley's Bridge, in the City of Ottawa, pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980. c. 337.

Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Intention to Designate served according to the act.

Yours truly,


P.G. Pagé
City Clerk

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

The Corporation of the City of Ottawa on the 4th day of May, 1994, established its intention to designate the following heritage property for its architectural and historical value.

9 Fleet Street, Pooley's Bridge

STATEMENT OF REASON FOR DESIGNATION

Pooley's Bridge is recognized for its historical significance to the development of Ottawa, and for its architectural and contextual value. Pooley's Bridge is Ottawa's oldest bridge; it was constructed in 1872 to the design of City of Ottawa Engineer, Mr. George Hugo Perry, with work executed by local contractor, Alexander Sparks. This three-span, stone arch bridge is the oldest extant structure from Ottawa's municipal development programme of the 1870s. Pooley's Bridge was constructed as a condition of the land grant from the federal government for the site at which the Fleet Street Pumping Station was built. Its stone construction is indicative of its importance to the early transportation needs of the City. It was the most easterly link of the original Ottawa-Hull bridge system and was a vital part of the only interprovincial crossing in this area. Pooley's bridge continued to be used as part of the Chaudiere crossing until it was closed to public use in May of 1983. It was briefly re-opened in 1984 when Pope John Paul II visited Ottawa and held a service at LeBreton Flats.

Pooley's Bridge is also considered the second oldest stone arch bridge in the Province of Ontario. This bridge is unique in Ontario as it is associated with the system of five, single-span stone arch bridges which cross the open aqueduct at intervals between the headworks and the Fleet Street Pumping Station.

The channeled tailrace, an integral link in the aqueduct corridor of LeBreton Flats, is included in 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 the 21st day of June, 1994.

DATED at Ottawa this 21st day of May 1994.

P.G. Pagé
City Clerk