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BY-LAW NUMBER 169-98

A by-law of The Corporation of the City of Ottawa to designate 377 Rideau Street to be of historic and architectural value or interest;

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Ottawa has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as 377 Rideau Street (more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto), and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property, and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the Ottawa Citizen and in Le Droit on November 21, 1997, newspapers having a general circulation in the City of Ottawa;

AND WHEREAS one notice of objection to the said proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS a hearing before the Conservation Review Board was held on April 20, 1998 to review the objection to the designation of 377 Rideau Street as real property of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Review Board found that the property should be designated in accordance with the Reasons for Designation.

AND WHEREAS the Reasons for the Designation are set out as Schedule "B" hereto;

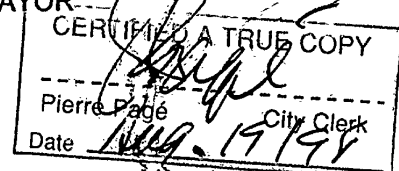
THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Ottawa enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of historic and architectural value or interest the real property more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as 377 Rideau Street.
2. The reasons for the designation are set out as Schedule "B" hereto.
3. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owners of the property described in Schedule "A", and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Ottawa.
5. The Schedules attached hereto and marked Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" form part of this By-law, and all notations, references and other information contained therein shall be as much a part of this By-law as if all the matters and information set forth by the said Schedules were all fully described herein.

GIVEN under the corporate seal of the City of Ottawa this 5th day of August, 1998.


Deputy CITY CLERK


MAYOR



SCHEDULE "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Ottawa, in the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, in the Province of Ontario and

BEING COMPOSED OF Part of Lot 17, Plan 43586, on the north side of Rideau Street, being the west half of Lot 17 and Lot 16 on Plan 43586 on the north side or Rideau Street in the City of Ottawa.

PIN NUMBER: 04213-0177 (LT)

SCHEDULE "B"

STATEMENT OF REASON FOR DESIGNATION

The Rideau Branch Library, 377 Rideau Street, is recommended for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act for architectural and historical reasons. Constructed in 1933 to serve the residents of Lowertown and Sandy Hill, the Rideau Branch Library replaced a temporary operation that had been located in a rented house since 1925. When opened, it was reputed to be the first bilingual public library in North America.

The Rideau Branch Library was designed by local architect J.P. MacLaren, MacLaren was born in Wakefield in 1865 and was educated at the University of Toronto. After practicing in southern Ontario, he returned to Ottawa in 1897. His most noteworthy buildings in the city are the First Church of Christ Scientist, and the West Branch Library, 1918.

The Rideau Branch Library is a one-storey, red brick structure with a high basement. The main section of the building was completed in 1933 and the flat-roofed addition to the rear was constructed in 1949. Symmetrical in plan, the building has a steeply pitched hipped roof with flared eaves. The front facade is distinguished by an entrance pavilion with a hipped roof and an ornate stone frontispiece, carved with the building's name and construction date. The front facade is further enhanced by an attractive pair of iron lamps beside the door and a decorative iron railing on the stairs. Large, round-arched windows with stylized pediments pierce the roofline of the east and west facades. The round-arched windows are flanked by large rectangular windows that are separated from the basement windows by bricks laid in a herringbone pattern. The building's design and details suggest Jacobean and Norman forms and illustrate an attempt by the architect to amalgamate French and English antecedents to produce a uniquely Canadian Revival style.

The interior of the building is also included in the designation as much of the original fabric is intact and the ceiling remains open, creating a lofty interior well lit by the large windows. Noteworthy features of the interior include the wooden shelving around the perimeter, the exposed decorative beams and trusses, the wooden window frames and the interior entrance, which is distinguished by a pedimented portal with pilasters.

APPROVED FOR EXECUTION
G. M. P.
CITY SOLICITOR

Council Authority:
Date: November 5, 1997
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