

HERITAGE SURVEY AND EVALUATION FORM

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| Municipal Address | 14 Crescent Road | Building or Property Name | 042270055 | |
| Legal Description | PLAN M22 PT BLK A 16 | Lot | Block | Plan |
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| Date of Original Lot Development | | Date of current structure | 1951 | |
| Additions | 1965 addition to rear | Original owner | Edward and Katherine Grier | |



Main Building

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| Garden / Landscape / Environment | Prepared by: Lashia Jones / Heather Perrault |
| | Month/Year: June 2011 |
| Heritage Conservation District name | Rockcliffe Park |
| Character of Existing Streetscape | |
| <p>The aptly named Crescent Road runs between Buena Vista Road and Acacia Avenue, intersected in the middle by Hillcrest. The road was constructed initially as a private entrance lane for the large estates constructed on the east side. There is a contrast to the size and style of the eastern estate houses to the more modest houses later constructed on the western side of the crescent. However, recent infill has replaced some of these with larger contemporary houses. The streetscape is dominantly characterized by the estates on the eastern side, many of which are the residences of foreign ambassadors. Nearly all these sprawling lots are fronted with hedges, fences and gates. A series of evenly spaced rocks lines the verges between hedges and the street on the northern portion of the crescent. The flags outside the residences are a notable feature.</p> <p>Lots on the western side of the crescent are generally more open to the street, with fewer hedges, fences and indicators of private space. Verges on the north eastern side are lined with (young?) maple trees, but overall the street contains a variety of tree species.</p> | |
| Character of Existing Property | |
| <p>The property is typical of lots on the west side of crescent road, as it is open to the street, in contrast to the hedged and fenced properties of the east side. The yard is primarily composed of open lawn, with minimal landscaping. A few small evergreen trees are planted against the exterior walls of the house. There are tall coniferous trees located at the front of the lot on the south side, and another planted near the house. A mature maple tree is located at the north front edge of the yard. A straight asphalt driveway leads to the garage, and a flagstone path leads from the driveway to the front entrance.</p> | |
| Contribution of Property to Heritage Environs | |
| <p>Landscape / Open Space Crescent Road's west side is a contrast to its eastern side, with shorter setbacks, smaller lots, and open yards. This property is consistent with others on the west wide, contributing to a coherent streetscape for this side of Crescent Road.</p> <p>Architecture / Built Space The house is consistent with the variety of architectural forms found on crescent road, but differs in its construction date and massing to other houses on the eastern side of the street.</p> | |
| Landmark Status | |
| The house is sheltered by tall coniferous trees, but still visible from Crescent Road. | |

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| Summary / Comments on Environmental Significance | |
| <p>The lot is consistent with other properties on the west side of Crescent Road, most of which are open to the street, without frontage defining elements, creating a coherent streetscape on this side of the road.</p> | |
| History | Prepared by: Lashia Jones / Heather Perrault |
| | Month/Year: June 2011 |
| Date of Current Building(s) | 1951 |
| Trends | |
| <p>Crescent Road was originally a private way, with gate posts and gates at each end, serving the crescent row of big houses on the brink of the high ground, looking out over the Ottawa River. This is now the most concentrated group of Embassy and High Commission residences in the Village.</p> <p>In the early to mid 20th century, there was an influx of families to Rockcliffe Park as a result of higher-density development and crowding in downtown Ottawa. With its scenic location and relative isolation from the city, the Village of Rockcliffe Park became a fashionable neighbourhood, perceived to be a more healthy and peaceful residential environment.</p> | |
| Events | |
| Persons / Institutions | |
| <p>1951-1960-: Edward and Katherine Grier 1966: Alfred and Marcella Bissonnet -1970: Daniel Wilson (1992-1994) Mr. and Mrs. Pauline Friedman</p> | |
| Summary / Comments on Historical Significance | |
| <p>The historical significance of this property is due to its age, constructed in 1951.</p> | |
| Historical Sources | |
| <p>City of Ottawa File Rockcliffe LACAC file Edmond, Martha. <i>Rockcliffe Park: A History of the Village</i>. Ottawa : The Friends of the Village of Rockcliffe Park Foundation, 2005.</p> | |

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| Architecture | Prepared by: Lashia Jones / Heather Perrault |
| | Month/Year: June 2011 |
| Architectural Design (plan, storeys, roof, windows, style, material, details, etc) | |
| <p>14 Crescent is a two storey, rectangular, centre hall plan structure with a moderately pitched side gable roof. There is a single storey double car garage attached to the north side of the house, and the eave of the garage roof carries over across the front of the house, until it reaches the front door, where a small pediment awning has been constructed above the door. The single unglazed door is flanked by sidelights. South of the door there is a wide picture window with a fixed central pane flanked by two one over one single hung sash windows. A bay window with the same configuration is located on the north side of the entrance. There is a small, elongated hexagonal window just north of the door. The second storey contains three centered pairs of one over one single hung sash windows, each with decorative shutters. The house is clad in fabricated stone on the first storey and horizontal siding on the second.</p> | |
| Architectural Style | |
| 1950s Neocolonial | |
| Designer / Builder / Architect / Landscape Architect | |
| <p>Blueprints say Home Planners Inc. Palmquist and Wright Architects – Richard B. Pollman Designer (Michigan) Original Construction by Tatham Company</p> | |
| Architectural Integrity | |
| <p>1965 addition to rear House possibly not built exactly to original plan. The Bissonnets made alterations to the house by enlarging the dining room and adding a master dressing room and bath.</p> | |
| Outbuildings | |
| Other | |

Summary / Comments on Architectural Significance

The house is a good example of mid twentieth century housing constructed in Rockcliffe as the large estate lands opened up to newer infill and higher density residential development.

| PHASE TWO EVALUATION | | | | | |
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| ENVIRONMENT CATEGORY | E | G | F | P | SCORE |
| 1. Character of Existing Streetscape | X | | | | 30/30 |
| 2. Character of Existing Property | | X | | | 20/30 |
| 3. Contribution to Heritage Environs | | X | | | 20/30 |
| 4. Landmark Status | | | | X | 10/10 |
| Environment total | | | | | 70 /100 |
| HISTORY | E | G | F | P | SCORE |
| 1. Construction Date | | | X | | 11/35 |
| 2. Trends | | | X | | 11/35 |
| 3. Events/ Persons/Institutions | | | | X | 0/30 |
| History total | | | | | 22 /100 |
| ARCHITECTURE CATEGORY | E | G | F | P | SCORE |
| 1. Design | | | X | | 17/50 |
| 2. Style | | | X | | 10/30 |
| 3. Designer/Builder | | | | X | 0/10 |
| 4. Architectural Integrity | | X | | | 7/10 |
| Architecture total | | | | | 34/100 |

| RANGES | EXCELLENT | GOOD | GOOD | FAIR | POOR |
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| | Pre-1908 | 1908 to 1925 | 1926 to 1948 | 1949 to 1972 | After 1972 |

| Category | Phase Two Score, Heritage District |
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| Environment | 70x 45% =31.5 |
| History | 22x 20% =4.4 |
| Architecture | 34x 35% =11.9 |
| Phase Two Total Score | 47.8/100 =48 |

| PHASE TWO EVALUATION SUMMARY | | | | |
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| Phase Two Score | Above | to | to | Below |
| Group | | | | |