

## **Document 9 - Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

### **Description of Property – 198 Rideau Street**

198 Rideau Street is a mixed-use, three-storey building constructed circa 1885 and located on the south side of Rideau Street, on the corner of Rideau and Waller Streets.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The building at 198 Rideau Street has physical value as a representative example of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century commercial building on a main street in Ottawa. The building has typical characteristics of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century commercial building, including its three-storey massing, flat roof, and brick cladding. In particular, the building's arched windows reflect influences of commercial Italianate architecture or Romanesque Revival styles, as seen in the buildings at 149 and 152 Rideau Street respectively.

198 Rideau Street has contextual value as it is important in supporting and maintaining the character of Rideau Street— which has functioned as a commercial main street in Ottawa since the nineteenth century. Throughout the twentieth century, most of Rideau Street between Sussex Drive and Cumberland Street was occupied by commercial and mixed use spaces. The building at 198 Rideau Street housed several typical main street businesses, including the T.W. Currier & Co. furniture store, which operated out of the building from 1886 to 1918. Today, the 198 Rideau Street continues to reflect Rideau Street's history as a commercial main street in Ottawa.

The building at 198 Rideau Street is historically, functionally, and visually linked to the surrounding commercial area. This building, together with others, including 149, 152, and 156-158 Rideau Street, have historically functioned as part of a commercial corridor in Lowertown since their construction in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. These buildings are visually linked to each other in terms of form, massing, cladding, and type, with common features such as flat roofs, brick facades, and commercial space at grade. Today, this building continues to support retail and commercial activity on one of Ottawa's historic main streets.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the cultural heritage value of 198 Rideau Street as an early commercial building on Rideau Street include:

- Three-storey massing
- Presence of a ground level storefront with display windows
- Flat roof
- Subtle brick stringcourses
- A balanced north façade with:

- Segmentally arched windows with continuous brick voussoirs and a central brick keystone above
- Brick pilasters extending beyond the roofline
- Rectangular window openings and rusticated stone lintels and subtle brick voussoirs
- South and east façades featuring:
  - Rectangular window openings with rusticated stone lintels and subtle brick voussoirs
  - A rounded arched window on the second storey with continuous brick voussoirs and a central brick keystone above

Key attributes that demonstrate 198 Rideau Street's contextual value are:

- The property's location on the corner of Rideau and Waller Streets

The designation also excludes the interior of the building and the two-storey addition at the rear.