

2. APPLICATION FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AT 311 SOMERSET STREET WEST AND 234-236 O'CONNOR STREET, PROPERTIES DESIGNATED UNDER PART V OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT* LOCATED IN THE CENTRETOWN HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SOMERSET (14)

This report will be submitted to Planning Committee on May 26, 2022. The statutory 90-day timeline for consideration of this application under the Ontario Heritage Act will expire on July 25, 2022.

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Built Heritage Sub-Committee recommends that Planning Committee recommend that Council:

- 1. Approve the application for new construction at 311 Somerset Street West and 234-236 O'Connor Street according to plans prepared by Figurr Architects Collective, dated March 28, 2022.**
- 2. Delegate the authority for minor design changes to the General Manager, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department;**
- 3. Approve the issuance of the heritage permits for each application with a three-year expiry date from the date of issuance unless otherwise extended by Council.**

Ashley Kotarba, Planner II, Heritage Planning Branch, presented an overview of the report recommendations and answered questions from the Committee. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk. Steve Gauthier, Planner III, Planning Services, also answered questions.

Committee Members received the following submissions in support of the

application, and a copy of each is filed with the Office of the City Clerk:

- Marc Vanasse email dated May 6, with concerns
- David Flemming (Heritage Ottawa) letter received May 8, opposed
- Michel Larrivière (OCSSC No. 643) email dated May 9, with concerns

Roberto Campos (Figurr Architects Collective) spoke before the Committee on behalf of the applicant in support of the recommendations. John Stewart (Commonwealth Historic Resource Management), Tim Beed and Miguel Tremblay (Fotenn Planning + Design), and Josh Zaret (Gemstone Corp) were also in attendance to answer questions on behalf of the Applicant.

The following public delegations spoke before the Committee on the report recommendations:

- David Flemming (Heritage Ottawa), opposed
- Jack Hanna (Centretown Community Association), with concerns
- Sylvie Faulkner (OCSSC No. 643), with concerns

Following discussion on this item, the Committee CARRIED the report recommendations as presented, with Vice-Chair C. Quinn dissenting.

DIRECTION TO STAFF

Councillor C. McKenney

That staff explore through the Site Plan Control process, as part of the delegated authority to make minor changes, lighter colour for the tower and softening the finish of the black cladding on the north and south sides, including softening with landscaping.