

ADDITION OF 15 DES OBLATS AVENUE TO THE CITY OF OTTAWA
HERITAGE REGISTER

ACS2021-OCC-GEN-0008

Capital (17)

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Built Heritage Sub-Committee recommend that Council:

- 1. Approve the addition of 15 des Oblats Avenue to the City of Ottawa's Heritage Register, under Section 27(1.2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and**
- 2. Direct Staff to review the property to determine if it meets the criteria under Ontario Regulation 9/06 for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.**

Committee received the following submissions, and a copy of each is filed with the Office of the City Clerk:

- A Cultural Heritage Opinion Letter from Robertson Martin Architects, dated February 22
- A staff memo from Lesley Collins, Program Manager, Heritage Planning Branch, dated March 8

Peter Frood spoke before the Committee and provided comments. John Smit and Rick Morris spoke on behalf of Domicile, and were in support of the amending motion below. Robert Martin (Robertson Martin Architects) was in attendance and available to answer questions.

Lesley Collins, Program Manager, Heritage Planning Branch, answered questions from Committee.

Following discussion on this item, the Committee CARRIED the report recommendations as amended by the following motion:

Motion No. BHSC 2021 21-1

Moved by Councillor C. McKenney (*on behalf of Councillor S. Menard*)

WHEREAS report ACS2021-OCC-GEN-0008 recommends that staff review the property at 15 des Oblats Avenue for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS since the January 20, 2021 meeting of the Built Heritage Sub-Committee, the property owner has submitted a “Cultural Heritage Opinion Letter” prepared by Robertson Martin Architects; and

WHEREAS staff have reviewed the report and concur with the overall finding that the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Convent at 15 des Oblats Avenue is not a strong candidate for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS this site has historical value for its association with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus who were present on the site for over 100 years and focussed their work in education, health care and social services; and

WHEREAS the importance of the work and role of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Old Ottawa East and beyond should be recognized in any redevelopment of this site;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Built Heritage Sub-Committee replace recommendation 2 of report ACS2021-OCC-GEN-0008, with the following:

Direct staff to explore meaningful commemoration of the role and contribution of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus through a future Site Plan Control process, where commemoration of these women and their work in education, health care and social services should reflect but not be limited to the direction contained in the Ottawa East Secondary Plan to retain the grove of trees and statue of the Blessed Virgin located to the west of the existing convent.

CARRIED