

## HERITAGE SURVEY AND EVALUATION FORM

Municipal Address	575 Old Prospect Road	Building or Property Name	042280266	
Legal Description	PLAN 92 PT BLK 13	Lot	Block	Plan
			PT BLK 13	PLAN 92
Date of Original Lot Development		Date of current structure	1956	
Additions	1979 added large shed dormer to rear of building. Garage added after 1981.	Original owner	Henry Willis-O'Connor	



Main Building

<b>Garden / Landscape / Environment</b>	Prepared by: Lashia Jones / Heather Perrault
	Month/Year: June 2011
Heritage Conservation District name	Rockcliffe Park
<b>Character of Existing Streetscape</b>	
<p>Old Prospect Road runs east to west between Lansdowne Road and Cloverdale Road. The architectural styles of the street vary, from Cape Cod style to recent designs. Some of the houses on this street are set quite close to the road. Many of the houses are bordered with cedar hedges or sheltered by a variety of tree species. The soft landscape features include extensive tree cover over the entire Village area, and the use of shrubs, hedges and other plantings to provide subtle delineations of private space while allowing visual continuity and flow from one property to another. The sloping terrain on the south side of Old Prospect has been utilized for modest terraced gardens on some properties, and there are low stone retaining walls and naturalized embankments.</p> <p>Pedestrians and bicycles share the roadways, effectively slowing traffic and reinforcing a more rural sense of place. Overhead wiring and some street lighting is evident on the north side of the street.</p>	
<b>Character of Existing Property</b>	
<p>Atypical of most properties in Rockcliffe Park, this property is laid out in a way so that the house does not actively form part of the streetscape. Situated on an evenly graded corner lot, the house is shielded from the street by mature well-manicured cedar hedges, shrubs, and mature coniferous trees. Rather than face southward (toward Old Prospect) the front of the house faces westward. The property is delineated from its neighbour to the east by a row of cedar hedges. A driveway is situated just to the east of the hedges and extends to the rear of the property where it curves toward the garage. The front yard features some open space which consists predominantly of lawn but is interspersed with some coniferous trees, many of which are quite large and shield the garage from the street. There is also a walkway that extends from the front of the house straight toward the driveway.</p>	
<b>Contribution of Property to Heritage Environs</b>	
<p><b>Landscape / Open Space:</b> The mature trees on this property as well as the presence of several types of coniferous hedges and plantings helps to relate this house to many others in the neighbourhood with similar features. This property is, however, much more formally sheltered from the road than is common to most properties on Prospect.</p> <p><b>Architecture / Built Space:</b> The house is rather shielded from view and therefore does not actively contribute to the character of the area. Despite this, it is a unique building architecturally and its single storey scale allows it to blend well with the variety of architectural forms of nearby properties.</p>	
<b>Landmark Status</b>	

This is a unique building situated on a corner lot however it is shielded from the Old Prospect and Lansdowne streetscapes by a series of densely planted trees and shrubs.	
Summary / Comments on Environmental Significance	
This residence shares many of the landscape features common to properties in Rockcliffe, particularly the cedar hedges and trees, which together form a coherent neighbourhood character.	
History	Prepared by: Lashia Jones / Heather Perrault
	Month/Year: June 2011
Date of Current Building(s)	1956
Trends	
<p>The Village of Rockcliffe Park was a planned residential community first laid out in 1864 created by a partial subdivision of the large estate belonging to Thomas McKay. Development occurred slowly but a Police Village was established in 1908, and the Village of Rockcliffe Park was incorporated in 1926. The Village was established according to an estate layout approach and landscape design adapted from the 18<sup>th</sup> century English precedents based upon picturesque qualities of the scenery, the importance of curving roads, extensive planting, and naturalistic settings.</p> <p>In the early to mid 20<sup>th</sup> 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. The scenic location of the Village of Rockcliffe Park, overlooking the Ottawa River, its privacy, and relative isolation from the city, as well as the presence of local amenities serving families with young children, contributed to the continued growth and popularity of the area. Prominent Ottawa residents chose to relocate to Rockcliffe Park from the 1920s, by which time services has been established and local schooling was available.</p>	
Events	
<p>Prior to amalgamation with the City of Ottawa, this street was Prospect, after which it was renamed Old Prospect.</p> <p>While the house was being built, Lady Byng presented the owners with a letter slot and gave them permission to call the house "Byng House." Both letter slot and name were to follow the family wherever it went and were in Alta Vista with Mr. H. Willis-O'Connor in the early 1980s</p>	
Persons / Institutions	
<p>1950: Not listed</p> <p>1955-1970-: Colonel Henry and Hyacinth Willis-O'Connor: Colonel Henry Willis-O'Connor was senior</p>	

aide-de-camp to a succession of governors general: Byng, Willingdon, Bessborough, Tweedsmuir, and Athlone

1979-1989: Mrs Ruth and Hon Justice Willard Zebedee Estey: In 1973 he was appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal and two years later was named Chief Justice of the High Court of Justice of Ontario. He became Chief Justice of Ontario in 1976 and was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada on September 29, 1977. In 1985 he chaired the Commission of Inquiry into the Collapse of the CCB and Northland Bank. Justice Estey served on the Supreme Court for 10 years and retired on April 22, 1988.

1989-1996-: Dr. Harvey Barkun: Dr. Barkun was medical director of the Royal Victoria Hospital and was Executive Director of the Montreal General Hospital from 1972 to 1988. He served as the Associate Dean, Professional Affairs, of the Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, from 1977 to 1997. Dr. Barkun was instrumental in creating the first CLSC's in Montreal and chaired the committees which implemented the provincial Departments of Community Health. He was a member of the Rochon Commission and became Executive Director of The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada, and an honorary member of the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

#### Summary / Comments on Historical Significance

The historic significance of this property is due to its associations with Colonel Henry Willis-O'Connor, Justice Willard Estey, and Dr. Harvey Barkun.

#### Historical Sources

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<b>Architecture</b>	Prepared by: Lashia Jones / Heather Perrault
	Month/Year: June 2011
Architectural Design (plan, storeys, roof, windows, style, material, details, etc)	
<p>This residence is a single storey building with a cement foundation and is clad in stucco. It is rectangular and features a centre hall plan. The residence is enclosed with a hip roof covered in asphalt shingles. The front entrance is located on the west side of the building and has an arched entranceway. There are sash windows throughout. There is a large shed dormer on the rear of the building. The flat-roofed garage is located on the north side of the main building and it projects westward.</p>	

Architectural Style
Vernacular bungalow
Designer / Builder / Architect / Landscape Architect
<p>Designed by architect Mr. Kingston and built by contractor James More &amp; Sons</p> <p>J.L. Kingston: A local architect active in the 1950s. Kingston built a few properties in Rockcliffe Park, such as 177 Coltrin Place, 575 Old Prospect Road, and his own at 35 Lakeway Drive.</p> <p>James More Company, also known as James More and Sons Ltd., was an Ottawa contracting and construction firm active from the 1930s to the 1960s. James More was the father of Architect William More and contractor Francis E. More, whom he employed. The company was responsible for the contracting of a number of schools in the Ottawa region.</p>
Architectural Integrity
<p>There appears to be few alterations aside from the dormer located at the rear of the building which is shielded well by the series of dense plantings. Additionally, there is a garage situated toward the rear of the building which does not share the architectural style of the main building, particularly its rounded roofline and entranceways and is a later addition.</p> <p>1979 added large shed dormer to rear of building.</p>
Outbuildings
Other
Summary / Comments on Architectural Significance
<p>This is an architecturally unusual bungalow for Rockcliffe Park which contributes to the diversity of architectural forms present in the district and on Old Prospect.</p>

PHASE TWO EVALUATION					
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	0/10
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			20/30
History total					42/100
ARCHITECTURE CATEGORY	E	G	F	P	SCORE
1. Design		X			33/50
2. Style			X		10/30
3. Designer/Builder			X		3/10
4. Architectural Integrity		X			7/10
Architecture total					53/100

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

Category	Phase Two Score, Heritage District
Environment	70x 45% =31.5
History	42x 20% =8.4
Architecture	53x 35% =18.55
Phase Two Total Score	58.45/100 =58

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