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Special Joint Meeting of Planning
Committee and Built Heritage Subcommittee
February 5, 2021

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal 1 Réunion extraordinaire conjointe du Comité de l'urbanisme et du Sous-comité du patrimoine bâti le 5 février 2021

Receipt of Public Submissions on the Application to Alter the Château Laurier, 1 Rideau Street, a Property Designated Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

ACS2021-PIE-RHU-0004

Rideau-Vanier (12)

The statutory 90-day timeline for consideration of this application under the *Ontario Heritage Act* will expire on March 7, 2021.

Receipt of Public Submissions on the Revision to Site Plan Approval – 1 Rideau Street

ACS2021-PIE-EDP-0006

Rideau-Vanier (12)

## **Declarations of Interest**

Chair R. King indicated that Member J. Halsall wished to declare a potential, deemed indirect pecuniary interest on both agenda items listed below, as her employer, the National Capital Commission, is the neighbouring landowner and an approval authority over the proposed new addition. Member Halsall was not present for this meeting to participate in discussion or vote on this item. She will formally provide her Declaration statement at the next Built Heritage Sub-Committee meeting.

Vice-Chair C. Quinn noted that she had consulted with the Integrity Commissioner because she had participated in the negotiated settlement between Heritage Ottawa and Larco and supported it at Heritage Ottawa. She noted that the Integrity Commissioner declared that there was no conflict of interest. However, she advised Committee that she had decided to leave the meeting during any vote.

Member B. Padolsky noted that he consulted with the Integrity Commissioner and does not have a conflict of interest to declare. Because transparency is fundamental

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to the public trust, he declared that, since Ottawa City Council approved in June 2019 the former Larco design, he was actively involved with the public campaign to challenge the approved design. He was also involved in assisting Heritage Ottawa in its negotiations with Larco to abandon the approved design and prepare the revised design that is before the Committee today. As the former Vice-Chair of the Built Heritage Sub-Committee during the previous Term of Council, he looked forward to the presentations.

The Planning Committee and Built Heritage Sub-committee held a special joint meeting on February 5, 2021 for the purpose of receiving public delegations on reports ACS2021-PIE-RHU-0004 and ACS2021-PIE-EDP-0006. The recommendations of report ACS2021-PIE-RHU-0004 were considered by each committee separately at subsequent special meetings on February 5, 2021. The report recommendation of report ACS2021-PIE-EDP-0006 was also considered by Planning Committee at its special meeting on February 5. The decisions taken by the separate committees are found in the individual Minutes of those meetings.

The committees heard four delegations on these two reports (considered concurrently), as follows:

- Robin Collins spoke in opposition to the current design, suggesting it is too
  modern and boxy, is not subordinate to or compatible with the existing and does
  not meet the intent of Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic
  Places in Canada. A copy of his slide presentation is held on file.
- Richard Belliveau, President, Heritage Ottawa, spoke in support of this proposal
  as physically and visually compatible with, subordinate to and distinguishable
  from the historic place, as set out in the requirements set out in the Standards
  and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada. He thanked the
  owner for his willingness to consider the concerns raised and to work with
  Heritage Ottawa to arrive at a design that better respects the heritage character
  of the Château Laurier. A copy of his presentation slides is held on file.
- Michael Polowin, Gowling WLG, was present on behalf of Heritage Ottawa to respond to any legal questions.
- The applicant/owner, as represented by the following persons, was present in support and to respond to any questions: Art Phillips, Larco Investments; Peter Clewes, architectsAlliance; Rob Cadeau, architectsAlliance; Michael McClelland,

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ERA Architects; Dennis Jacobs, Momentum Planning & Communications; Emma Blanchard, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

In addition to the submission previously noted, the following correspondence was provided to the committee coordinators between January 26 (the date the reports were published to the City's website with the agenda for this meeting) and the time the matter was considered by the Planning Committee and Built Heritage Sub-committee on February 5, 2021, a copy of which is held on file:

- letter dated January 15 from Norman Moyer, President, Lowertown Community Association
- comment sheet dated January 28 from Dave N. Roberts
- email dated January 29 from Carol Reid
- letter received January 30 from Gordon Bennett
- email dated January 31 and February 1 from John Lincoln
- comment sheet and email dated January 31 from Larry Poirier
- letter dated February 1 from Penny and David Collenette
- email dated February 1 from W. Paul Dolan
- letter dated February 2 from Lyette Fortin
- email dated February 3 from Geoff King
- email dated February 3 from Rosine Gerhard and Jean-Michel Demarcq
- email dated February 3 from Peter Harris
- email dated February 3 from Ken Grafton
- email dated February 3 from Tim Kelly
- email dated February 3 from Francine Plante-Lewis
- email dated February 3 from Leslie and Emmett Hossack
- comment sheet dated February 4 from Cornelia and Gary Duck

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- email dated February 4 from David Smith
- email dated February 4 from John Savage
- letter dated February 4 from Christina Cameron
- email dated February 4 from Peggy DuCharme, Executive Director, Downtown Rideau B.I.A.