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**To:** Built Heritage Subcommittee, City of Ottawa

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A/Chair, Heritage Ottawa Advocacy Committee

**Ward:** RIDEAU-VANIER (12) / **File Number:** ACS2018-PIE-RHU-0001

**SUBJECT:** Application to Demolish the Parking Garage, Château Laurier, 1 Rideau Street, a Property Designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Heritage Ottawa is pleased to comment on this matter. It is unfortunate that the current condition of the parking garage cannot be dealt with as part of the City's consideration of a revised design for the proposed addition to the building.

We agree that the present condition of the garage leaves no option other than to demolish the structure even though the City does not normally permit demolition before a design for a replacement structure has been approved. We trust that this will not set a precedent that could be used in future applications under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. We support the proposal for a visual screening of the surviving parking spaces as a suitable interim measure.

We suggest that the current Statement of Heritage Significance for the property be updated to current standards to permit a more effective analysis of any revised design for the new addition.

We therefore recommend that the BHSC support the recommendations in the staff report and that it urge the proponent to submit in a timely manner a revised design for an appropriate new addition to the hotel.

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