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RE: ACS2020-PIE-RHU-0005 Application to Alter 35-37 William Street, and 41-41 ½ York Street in the Byward Market HCD

Heritage Ottawa warmly supports the proposed alterations to these properties. The work proposed will stabilize the historic façades and make them once again integral contributors to the Byward Market Heritage Conservation District. The work corresponds to the HCD guidelines, the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Properties in Canada* and other policy directives. The improved functionality of the structures will ensure their future usefulness. The additional height, which is not excessive, is well-handled, in that it is compatible and subordinate to the original facades, and it will hardly be visible from the street perspective to the west.

Heritage Ottawa is also pleased to see housing as part of the equation, demonstrating that heritage can be a contributor to social well-being.

It is clear also that these designs were arrived at through a model collaboration of all parties involved. Congratulations to all, and especially to the owners for their commitment to heritage.

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