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Egyptian Embassy Seeks Heritage Demolition in Sandy Hill

By Barry Padolsky

The Arab Republic of Egypt has submitted an application to the City of Ottawa to rezone their embassy property in Ottawa's Sandy Hill neighbourhood. The application, if granted by Ottawa City Council, would permit the embassy to demolish the Embassy's two converted residential buildings and construct a new chancery (office building) on the site.

The two residences are located at 452 and 454 Laurier Ave E at the corner of Range Road. They consist of a two-storey brick and half timber residence constructed in 1924, occupied by the Embassy since 1964, and a single storey stone cottage constructed in 1928, purchased by the Egyptian Embassy in 2007. The Egyptian Embassy obtained permission to use 452 Laurer as a diplomatic office on the understanding that the building would not be demolished.

The residences are not part of an heritage conservation district but are located within the city's current heritage study area. They have been deemed by the city to be of contributory heritage significance, located across from historic Strathcona Park at the eastern gateway to Sandy Hill.



Heritage Ottawa, in its brief to the City of Ottawa objects to the re-zoning and has stated: *Heritage Ottawa has no objection to an intensified use of the two properties in question. It is, however, our belief that this intensification can be accomplished without demolishing the 454 Laurier Ave. building, and by so doing protect the heritage character of the Laurier Avenue streetscape.*

The re-zoning application is not supported by the city's heritage planner, Stuart Lazear, LACAC and a growing group of Sandy Hill residents, who intend to petition the city to reject the re-zoning application. Residents have argued that the rezoning would create a precedent that will lead to the inevitable transformation of the historic residential character of Sandy Hill. There are over 30 embassies that occupy prominent residences that could exploit the precedent created by the Egyptian re-zoning application.

It has been noted that in the 1970's the Polish Embassy withdrew its proposal to replace its historic residence at 443 Daly Ave. with a new chancery in response to the appeal of Sandy Hill residents.

The city's heritage planner, LACAC, and Heritage Ottawa consider that an acceptable

Egyptian Embassy ...

solution would include the construction of a sensitively designed addition to 454 Laurier, corner landmark residence originally built by Norman E. Smith president of the *Ottawa Free Press* and *The Journal*. This suggestion has been made to the Egyptian Embassy who have not responded to the proposed compromise. Action Sandy Hill has not opposed the re-zoning application.

Diplomatic Missions (offices) are currently only permitted in Sandy Hill residential zones if they occupy former residences.

Ottawa's Planning and Environment Committee will hear the Rezoning Application at City Hall Tuesday May 12, 2009.

Send your comments on this re-zoning and heritage demolition proposal to the city's planner, Erin Topping, erin.topping@ottawa.ca, Councillor Georges Bédard, georges.bedard@ottawa.ca and Sandy Hill resident Christopher Collmorgen, christopher_collmorgen@hotmail.com ♦

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Sad News

In December we honoured Gordon Cullingham for his long service to Heritage Ottawa (Heritage Ottawa Newsletter, Winter 2009, pp.11 & 12). On March 30 we gathered again to attend his funeral.



Gordon died peacefully after a brief illness on March 25 attended to by his family. I had the opportunity to visit him a few days before his death and to tell him that the Board had awarded the first Gordon Cullingham Research and Publishing Grant. He was pleased and insisted that we toast the event with a good bottle of red wine. It was a happy occasion despite the circumstances.

On behalf of the Heritage Ottawa Board of Directors and members, I offer our sincere condolences to Gord's wife, Janet Irwin, and his daughters, Maureen and Alison. We shall all miss our good friend and colleague.

David B. Flemming,
Past-President

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From the Past President....

A few days ago I attended a fundraising breakfast at St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts & Humanities, formerly St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church. Besides being an occasion for a good "scoff" and the chance to hear some traditional Irish music in the lead-up to St. Paddy's Day, I had the opportunity to see first-hand some of the fine work being done to restore the building under the direction of Ottawa architect and Honourary Life Member of Heritage Ottawa, Barry Padolsky.

I am therefore pleased to announce that all members will be able to hear about this work and see it first-hand at our 2009 Annual General Meeting which will be held at St. Brigid's on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Barry Padolsky. It is an opportunity for Heritage Ottawa members to see and hear about this promising adaptive use project and to support the activities of the Centre which has a regular and diverse schedule of events planned for the spring; please see www.saintbrigids.ca.

At our March lecture, conservation architect Susan Ross demonstrated that heritage buildings are good candidates for "green" adaptive use ideas and that this technology is not limited to new, modern buildings.

Plan to join us for our final 2008-2009 lecture on April 15 to learn how the Ontario Municipal Board, long thought to be the bane of heritage preservationists, may in fact be a tool for heritage preservation.

On the subject of the OMB, a panel is currently meeting in Ottawa to consider the owner's appeal of the city's decision to disallow his application to demolish 456 Lansdowne Avenue North (for background see *Heritage Ottawa Newsletter*, Winter 2008, p.6 & Spring/Summer 2008, p.9). Loss of this building would set a dangerous precedent for other century-old buildings in the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District.

I am pleased to report that Heritage Ottawa has nearly completed its portion of the province-wide Heritage Conservation District Survey which is being undertaken in partnership with the Heritage Resources Centre of the University of Waterloo and the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario with

financial support from The Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Many thanks to the volunteers who worked on the survey: Andrew Elliott, Katherine Mittermaier, Céline Heinbecker, Bill Price, John McLeod, Brynne Campbell, John Calvert, Anwareen Farouk, Susan McLeod-O'Reilly, Karen Junke and Jessica Cameron.

The draft by-law *Heritage Demolition by Neglect* was supported by LACAC at their meeting on March 5th and will be considered by Planning and Environment Committee on April 14th. Members will recall that this by-law arose out of a letter which I sent to the mayor and councillors in December 2007 urging the city to develop an emergency heritage preservation protocol to effectively deal with heritage buildings which are at risk because of the neglect of their owners (see *Heritage Ottawa Newsletter*, Winter 2008, pp. 11-12 and Winter 2009, pp.3-4).

Richard Belliveau, with help from David Jeanes, has put together a program of 13 walking tours between mid-June and mid-October (see listing on pages 9-11). Members should receive their copy of the brochure by May 1st. Please take the opportunity to volunteer to help coordinate one of these tours by contacting the office at 613-230-8841; remember tour coordinators tour for "free".

Heritage Ottawa members may also be interested in walking tours organized by Jane's Walk Ottawa on May 2nd & 3rd www.janeswalk.com/participating_cities/ottawa and the Rideau Canal Festival July 31st to August 3rd www.rideaucanalfestival.ca/ program.

Finally, don't forget Doors Open Ottawa 2009 on June 6th and 7th. We are still awaiting word from Viking-Rideau Corporation on whether the former City Registry Office on Nicholas Street will be available for Heritage Ottawa volunteers to staff during Doors Open.

Best wishes for an enjoyable spring and summer! I hope to see you at some of our walking tours. ♦

David B. Flemming, Past President



Christina Cameron, Chairperson of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee 2007-08, delivered the Bob and Mary Anne Phillips Memorial lecture on February 20, 2009. She spoke about her experiences in this role and World Heritage Sites.

Photo: David Flemming

City Restores Pond Wall

By William R. Price

Last November, Glebe residents, heritage professionals and heritage advocates applauded the City of Ottawa, for having implemented a badly needed restoration of the crumbling stone retaining wall surrounding the pond at Patterson's Creek.

Twenty years earlier the National Capital Commission, owners of this portion of Patterson's Creek and the surrounding parkland, announced their intention to replace the stone retaining wall around the pond with a reinforced concrete wall similar to that which had been completed along all of Patterson's Creek east of the O'Connor Street Bridge in 1982. Originally built c.1907 as part of a beautification plan for the area by the old Ottawa Improvement Commission, the wall had deteriorated badly over the years due to erosion, root incursion and the region's harsh freeze/thaw cycle.

Not surprisingly, the NCC, motivated by safety and economic considerations as well as modern engineering initiatives, obtained design and other required approvals for the project in 1989 and was ready to begin demolishing the wall to make way for the poured concrete replacement. Glebe residents, heritage professionals and heritage advocates alarmed by the possible loss of this heritage wall joined with Heritage Ottawa, the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee and others to attend a hastily called meeting with

the NCC to voice their concerns. Gouhar Shemdin, conservation architect with Public Works Canada and a board member of Heritage Ottawa who lived in a home overlooking the pond, organized the meeting. Strong letters to the NCC in support of the preservation of the heritage stone wall

were authored by nearby resident and Heritage Ottawa member Allison Dingle, Richard Cannings, president of Heritage Ottawa at the time, various Heritage Ottawa board members and LACAC. Board member Paul Stumes lent his engineering expertise to the challenge. Excellent coverage of the threat to the stone wall appeared in the local newspapers. In the end, the NCC recognized the heritage landscape value of the old wall and was persuaded not to advance the project. In the absence of sufficient funds to restore it properly, the NCC simply decided to stabilize the existing wall by backfilling on the pond side to leave only one meter of exposed stone when the canal is drained and to make minor repairs to the wall cap and safety railing. It is interesting to note that the O'Connor Street Bridge at Patterson's Creek, attributed to famed Ottawa architect Francis Sullivan, was designated by the City of Ottawa as a heritage structure under the *Ontario Heritage Act* in February, the previous year.

In October, 2008, the erection of a temporary, six-foot-high safety fence surrounding the entire pond and nearby park led to great curiosity and some anxiety as nearby residents tried to find out if the stone wall was again endangered. Following some initial confusion over whether the NCC still retained authority over the area, it was eventually disclosed that ownership of the pond, the stone wall and the surrounding parkland had in fact been transferred some years earlier to the City of Ottawa. With the assistance of the city's Heritage Planners, Stuart Lazear and Sally Coutts, it was determined that the work was a conservation project and that landscape architect Joanne Moran had been appointed Senior Project Manager. Ms. Moran provided key details of the project to various concerned residents and announced that Genivar (Harmer Podolak) Engineering Consultants had been hired to assess the condition of the wall. They concluded that safety issues were evident due to ponding behind the wall which in turn was attributable to subsidence of sections of the wall and saturation of retained soil. The work is being done by Meynick-Lischler, a firm that has been doing similar work for the NCC on the



The author along with his son and grandson enjoying a pleasant boat ride on Patterson's Creek Pond last June.

Photo: Marnie Price



North side of Patterson's Creek Pond showing first portion of stone retaining wall being reassembled.

Rideau Canal. Ms. Moran stated that major segments of the wall have to be removed and rebuilt on a more stable base using appropriate stone, reflective of the original construction. She is targeting completion of the work in time for the flooding of the canal in 2009.

A large proportion of the original stone was unable to be salvaged due to its fractured state and to the difficulty of removing adhered concrete that had been poured behind the stone wall. The contractor has recovered and cleaned as much of the original stone as possible and has salvaged and repaired the main base footing for the entire wall. As of early March, the contractors have brought in truckloads of very large, flat stones to form the base layer and are now laying compatible replacement stone along with recovered stone to form the upper courses. They are also making appropriate use of landscape cloth that holds back soil but permits moisture in the soil behind the wall to pass through the non-mortared joints. A new cement cap and safety railing will complete the restoration task and will be followed by the rehabilitation of the landscaping around the pond.

The pond and stone wall at Patterson's Creek is surrounded by Central Park, and a number of heritage designated structures, namely the Powell house (Werner Noffke), the O'Connor Street Bridge (Francis Conroy Sullivan) the First Avenue School (Edgar L. Horwood) and many other Noffke-designed homes. The area forms a major heritage landscape and now, thanks to the city, it will be properly conserved for the enjoyment of new generations of Ottawa residents and visitors. ♦

William R. Price is Secretary and a member of the Heritage Ottawa Board of Directors.

The Pond at Patterson's Creek

John Leaning's excellent book, *The Story of the Glebe*, provides an excellent history of the Patterson Creek area. He states that the construction of the Rideau Canal in 1832 flooded a section of property extending through the present day Central Park both east and west of Bank Street. Although early photographs reveal a rather swampy waterway, Leaning reports that its southern edge near Bank Street was occupied by the Grove Hotel constructed in 1873 and Electric Park, built as a bucolic destination park for day trippers from Ottawa utilizing the Bank Street streetcar line built in 1891.

Patterson Creek on the edge of the Rideau Canal near First Avenue, however, later suffered abuse from illegitimate dumping. The Ottawa Journal reported on April 30, 1906 that nearby residents complained of the noxious smell emanating from Patterson's Creek near O'Connor Street. It seemed that when the supervisor of a city-operated dump nearby left for the day, butcher wagons would arrive and offload "... stuff such as old meat, dead fish of all kinds, cow heads, dead hens, and other fowl, and all this said to have a high odor."

The Ottawa Improvement Commission (forerunner of the NCC) was created by the Federal Government in 1899 to improve the environmental aspects of the National Capital. Their early projects impacted the Glebe significantly but especially the area around Patterson's Creek. By 1907, Patterson's Creek east and immediately west of Bank Street was filled in and elaborately landscaped; Patterson's Creek south of Clemow Avenue and west of O'Connor Street became the elegant stone-walled pond that is the subject of this article; the remainder of Patterson's Creek was bracketed by a stone retaining wall (now replaced by a cement wall) and landscaped walkways. Elegant arched bridges at O'Connor Street and at the Driveway spanned the waterway. This portion of Patterson's Creek was also crossed by an unusual and elaborate wooden pedestrian structure called Cedar Lodge island folly. This latter structure decayed and was torn down in the late thirties but the island remains.

Ottawa South Surveys Its Heritage

By John Calvert

Early this year Heritage Ottawa launched a new community partnership to jump start efforts to identify, document and protect heritage properties at the neighbourhood level. A group known as the Ottawa South History Project, an informal historical and heritage conservation society based in Old Ottawa South, approached Heritage Ottawa for its endorsement and assistance to undertake a heritage survey of their neighbourhood. The residents approached Heritage Ottawa for several reasons:

- To benefit from the considerable experience and profile of Heritage Ottawa in the heritage community;
- To augment the level of professionalism in their survey project;
- To enable grant applications to various agencies that require an incorporated non-profit organization as the applicant.

Heritage Ottawa was immediately interested in the heritage survey and, after reviewing a proposal from the Ottawa South History Project, agreed to assist the project.

But why Old Ottawa South, what makes it so special? The neighbourhood developed as a late 19th century suburban cluster of residences and businesses catering to civil servants, merchants, tradesmen, and market gardeners. Some well-to-do residents of Ottawa built large country homes, a few of which still exist. It is among a handful of Ottawa neighbourhoods that retain their nearly intact original built form. Many properties in this area preserve architectural features dating back 100 years or more. However, like many neighbourhoods in Ottawa, Old Ottawa South lacks an up-to-date profile of its heritage features.

The neighbourhood contains 7 properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, and approximately 400 properties on the City of Ottawa's Heritage Reference List. However, the reference list is based largely on data collected 20 or



Photo before demolition: Jean-Claude Dubé



900 Echo Drive before demolition (above) and demolition in progress (inset)

more years ago. There is a growing risk that properties of heritage significance in Old Ottawa South could be lost simply because not enough is known about them to adequately protect them.

A recent example is 900 Colonel By Drive, which was on the Heritage Reference List but was demolished last fall without input from the City's Heritage Planning Group due to an administrative glitch. The property was recorded in the reference list under its former municipal address of 900 Echo Drive, so it was overlooked when the demolition permit was approved.

This is where the heritage survey comes in. The goals are:

- To create an up-to-date survey of heritage features in Old Ottawa South
- To enhance public understanding of the heritage value of the neighbourhood



Photos during demolition: Leo Doyle

900 Echo Drive gone forever.

- To involve the community in the identification and documentation of its heritage value
- To create a reliable information resource that can serve as evidence for decision-making about the urban environment and heritage planning.

The plan is to hire a senior university student or recent graduate with heritage planning and conservation or related expertise to conduct the heritage survey. The student or graduate will:

- Identify buildings, streetscapes and public spaces that contribute to the historic character of Old Ottawa South
- Document in detail a select sub-set of these properties and streetscapes
- Present the information and analysis to the community, including:
 - a written report deposited with the community association, the City of Ottawa Heritage Planning group, the City of Ottawa Archives, and Heritage Ottawa
 - a summary report published in the community newspaper, The OSCAR
 - a web-based interactive version of the report, including a map and catalogue of streets and properties documented
 - an open house and public lecture in the community to promote the survey findings



Another treasure is on 305 Sunnyside Drive.



Photos: Jean-Claude Dubé

66 Barton Glengarden House, a gem of a home.

To make this a reality, between \$10,000 and \$15,000 is needed, primarily to pay competitive wages to attract qualified candidates to apply for the student/graduate position as a Cultural Heritage Analyst.

The great news is that the Ottawa South History Project has been successful in its first grant application, to the City of Ottawa's Heritage Funding Program. Backed by strong endorsements from Heritage Ottawa, Councillor Clive Doucet and the city's own Heritage Planning group, and with expert professionals committed to participate in the project, including Julie Harris, Contentworks; Mohammed al-Asad, Architect and Architectural Historian; and Professor Herb Stovel of the Carleton School of Canadian Studies Heritage Conservation Program, OSHP was awarded \$6,000 by the city toward the project. Also, local reprographic business, Allegra Print and Imaging, has offered a \$500 in-kind donation for copying, printing and digitization services.

The assistance of Heritage Ottawa is key in order to complete the funding picture. To qualify for several federal and provincial grant programs which target heritage projects, the lead agency must be an incorporated non-profit organization. The Ottawa South History Project is an informal group, and is not incorporated. In late January this year, Heritage Ottawa and the OSHP agreed to form a partnership to pursue additional funding for the heritage survey. To date, as a partnership, the two groups have applied for funding from three

additional grant programs. In late March, we received preliminary word from Service Canada that our application is being recommended for a base level of funding for one position for 6 weeks.

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Another critical part of the success of the heritage survey project is volunteers. We need several more volunteers to help with revising the heritage reference list, identifying potential properties for in-depth research, photographing properties and website development. We also need some further in-kind donations to cover computer software and hardware, website design and implementation and specialized research fees at the Ontario Land Registry Office.

Please contact the Ottawa South History Project if you are interested and willing to help out or can make a donation, 613-730-9851, historyproject@oldottawasouth.ca or visit us

online at www.oldottawasouth.ca/historyproject. You can also contact the project team through Heritage Ottawa.

The Ottawa South History Project gratefully acknowledges the partnership of Heritage Ottawa, and the financial support of the City of Ottawa, and the in-kind donation of reprographic services by Allegra Print and Imaging. ♦

John Calvert is the founder and coordinator of the Ottawa South History Project. The OSHP came into being to mark the 100th anniversary of the annexation of Old Ottawa South to the City of Ottawa on December 16, 1907. John writes and hosts a regular column for OSHP contributors in the OSCAR community newspaper.



Photo: Jean-Claude Dubé

Another splendid home is at 10 Leonard St.

Monumental!

Celebrate International Day for Monuments and Sites by joining a guide-interpreter for a free, one-hour walking tour of selected monuments and gain insights into some of Canada's national symbols.

When: Friday, April 17, 2009

English Tours: 11:45 and 12:30 | French Tour: noon

Meeting Point: Olympic Clock at the Capital Infocentre (90 Wellington Street, across from Parliament Hill)

Contact: 613-239-5000 | 613-239-5090 (TTY)
www.canadacapital.gc.ca

Rain date: Monday, April 20, 2009 – *if the weather does not look promising on Friday, April 17, please contact the NCC to confirm tour date.*

Monumental! is brought to you by the National Capital Commission.

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June 6 – 7, 2009

Explore Ottawa's rich architectural heritage through touring its buildings, both old and new.

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Heritage Ottawa 2009 Walking Tours

Tour: Central Experimental Farm

During the tour of the built heritage and cultural landscape of the Central Experimental Farm, your guide will encourage participants to consider the future of this National Historic Site and ways that Ottawa residents might protect its heritage value.

(Wear appropriate footwear as lawns will be wet if it rains.)

Guide: Katharine Fletcher, award-winning author and eco-journalist. Her five books reveal the human and natural history of Ottawa, the National Capital Region and Gatineau Park

Date & Time: June 14, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Dominion Observatory parking lot, SE corner of Carling Avenue at Irving.

Tour: Chaudière Industrial Heritage District

The area around the Chaudière Falls has been the core of economic life in Ottawa/Gatineau from aboriginal times until the present. Industrial developments dating from the 18th through the 20th centuries are a microcosm of the expansion of Canada's water and forest resources, leaving behind a rich fabric of industrial buildings, ruins and artifacts. The walk will look at some of the intriguing sites of this industry on both sides of the river and take a closer look at the Falls and the potential for heritage re-development of this district.

Guide: Mark Thompson Brandt, Ottawa-based Conservation Architect and Urbanist, author of the 1990 Chaudière District Master Plan for NCC, and former Vice-President of Heritage Ottawa.

Date & Time: June 21, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: former Navy Association building, 150 Middle Street, east off Booth Street on Victoria Island – free parking

Tour: The Buildings of External Affairs

The Department of External Affairs was established 100 years ago. In the early years, its headquarters were in the East Block, but by 1973 when the department moved into the Lester B. Pearson

Building, its offices were spread over more than two dozen buildings around Ottawa and Hull. This tour will look at only a few of them as it moves from the East Block to the Pearson Building on Sussex

Guide: Richard Belliveau, retired foreign service officer.

Date & Time: June 28, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: In front of the East Block of Parliament

Tour: Village of Britannia

Discover the story of Britannia's emergence as a late-Victorian resort destination. The extension of the city's streetcar tracks westward in 1900 brought Ottawa's leisure seekers to Britannia ushering in the golden years before the First World War. Many early cottages have survived, some still evoking the character of the old summer resort community.

Guide: Carolyn Quinn, Director of Communications, Heritage Canada Foundation

Date & Time: July 12, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Parking lot off Greenview, west side, near Carling Avenue

Tour: Ottawa's Historic Financial District

From the former "Banker's Row" on Wellington Street via Greek and Roman inspired banking temples on Sparks Street to the monumental Bank of Canada, the work of Ottawa's and Canada's leading architects is woven into a 160-year history of Ottawa's banks.

Guide: David Jeanes, Vice-President of Heritage Ottawa, a professional engineer, and an avid student of Ottawa's architectural and transportation history.

Date & Time: July 26, 2:00 p.m .

Meeting Place: The NCC Infocentre, Wellington Street at Metcalfe

Tour: Lowertown West

This is the heart of old Bytown where canal workers first settled and some of Ottawa's earliest residential, commercial, and institutional structures can be found. The walk will take participants around

Major's Hill Park, up to Nepean Point, and then will look at some of the historic buildings in Lowertown and the ByWard Market.

Guide: Hagit Hadaya, architectural historian

Date & Time: August 2, 10:00 a.m. (NOTE TIME)

Meeting Place: Colonel By statue, Major's Hill Park.

Tour: Architecture and Engineering along the Rideau Canal*

From the Bytown Museum to the Corktown Bridge, a look at the architecture and engineering marvels of buildings and bridges that can be seen along the first mile of the Rideau Canal World Heritage Site.

Guide: David Jeanes, Vice-President of Heritage Ottawa; a professional engineer and an avid student of Ottawa's architectural and transportation history

Date & time: August 16, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Colonel By Fountain in Confederation Park, Laurier Avenue at Elgin Street.

**This tour will also be offered on Saturday afternoon, August 1 at the Rideau Canal festival.*

Tour: University of Ottawa Campus, Historic Sector

Discover the rich architecture and history of the University of Ottawa, established in 1848. This institution is North America's oldest and most important bilingual university. The tour begins with Tabaret Hall, one of Ottawa's finest examples of Classical Revival architecture; its design is based on Washington's Capitol Building.

Guide: Michel Prévost, University of Ottawa chief archivist

Date & Time: August 23, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Tabaret Hall entrance, 550 Cumberland at Laurier Avenue East

Tour: Parliament Hill

On this tour you will see the monumental grouping of the Centre Block, Library, and East and West Blocks of the Parliament, as well as the buildings that form an integral part of the parliamentary precinct, such as the Langevin, Victoria, Wellington, Confederation and Justice Buildings.

Guide: Fern Mackenzie, architectural historian

Date & Time: September 13, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Centennial Flame on Parliament Hill

Tour: The Glebe

W.E. Noffke (1878-1964) was one of Ottawa's most influential architects in the first half of the 20th century. The walk begins with the ten diverse Noffke houses, including his own, built around Central Park/Patterson Creek, moving along to a sample of Young-husband houses and other more modest houses, historic schools and churches, and newer infill developments by notable Ottawa architects.

Guide: John McLeod, Glebe resident and heritage advocate

Date & time: September 20, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Corner of Clemow Avenue and O'Connor Street

Tour: Village of Rockcliffe Park

The mix of architectural styles in picturesque Rockcliffe Park range from stately stone mansions and interesting contemporary designs to remaining summer cottages. Learn about the history of the village and the role the MacKay and Keefer families had in determining its layout and the design of many of its homes.

Guide: Martha Edmond, author of *Rockcliffe Park: A History of the Village*



View of the Rideau Canal locks and the Bytown Museum.



Parliament Hill as seen from the Ottawa River.

Date & Time: September 27, 2:00 pm

Meeting Place: Lisgar Road at Princess Avenue

Tour: Sandy Hill

The tour looks at late 19th – early 20th century buildings of historical or architectural importance in the northeast quadrant of Sandy Hill, an area favoured by lumber barons, mining magnates and politicians in Ottawa's early years. Sandy Hill was home to four Canadian Prime Ministers.

Guide: **Judy Deegan**, Sandy Hill resident and heritage activist

Date & Time: October 4, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Laurier House at the corner of Laurier Avenue East and Chapel



*Old village charm in Rockliffe Park –
111 Manor Street*

Tour: Old Ottawa South

In 1907, the village of Ottawa South in Nepean Township was annexed to the City of Ottawa. Improved city services soon followed, such as a new high-level Bank Street Bridge over the canal. It allowed the privately-owned Ottawa Electric Railway to extend streetcar services, stimulating housing and development of one of Ottawa's first streetcar suburbs.

Guide: **Leo Doyle**, Development and Planning Committee, Old Ottawa South

Date & Time: October 18, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting place: Southminster United Church, Bank Street at Alymer

Visite Quidée des Écluses d'Ottawa et du Parc Major d'Ottawa

Guide : **Michel Prévost**, Archviste en Chef de L'Université d'Ottawa et Président de la Société d'Histoire de l'Outaouais

Lundi, le 8 juin, à 14 h

Le canal Rideau est maintenant inscrit à la prestigieuse liste du patrimoine mondial. Venez découvrir l'histoire fascinante des écluses d'Ottawa où l'on trouve, entre autres, le plus vieux bâtiment public d'Ottawa, aujourd'hui le Musée de Bytown, construit en 1827. La visite se termine au parc Major où se trouvent les ruines de la maison et la statue du colonel By, l'ingénieur royal responsable de la construction du canal entre 1826 et 1832. N'oubliez pas vos bons souliers de marche.

Le départ se fait au Musée Bytown, en bas des écluses, dans la vallée entre le Château Laurier et la colline parlementaire.

Frais d'entrée et inscription obligatoire :
Mme Chantal Richer, tél. : (613) 860-1099,
poste 2



Heritage Ottawa Annual General Meeting

St. Brigid's: Adaptive Re-use in Action

7:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 20, 2009

St. Brigid's Centre for Arts and Humanities



314 St. Patrick Street at the corner
of Cumberland

Architect Barry Padolsky will discuss his work on the restoration of this designated building dating from the turn of the century.

Open to the public. Refreshments.

For information, info @heritageottawa.org

In Memoriam

Martin Eli Weil

Martin Eli Weil, a leading restoration architect and a past president of the Los Angeles Conservancy has died. He was 68.

Born in Glasgow, Montana, July 2, 1940, Weil earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa and later a Master of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. He also held a Master's degree in Early American Culture and Decorative Arts from the University of Delaware.

In the 1970s, he lived in Ottawa where he was chief restoration architect of the national Historic Sites Restoration Services Division, Canadian Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. Martin was also instrumental in the establishment of Heritage Ottawa and served as its president from 1975 to 1977. Before moving to California, he was made an Honorary Life Member of Heritage Ottawa.

Heritage Planner Stuart Lazear remembered Martin from the times they spent together both at Heritage Ottawa and the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada (SSAC). "After all these years", Stuart recalled, "one of my most vivid memories of Martin is his living room which was dominated by an enormous, free-standing, turn-of-the-century,



iron hair curling machine. It looked exactly like one of the evil machines trying to destroy Keanu Reeves in THE MATRIX movie. The fact that Martin, head of restoration services in the federal government, lived in a modern high-rise in Sandy Hill decorated in a spartan but modern style seemed a bit contradictory to me.

After all, this was a period of fierce neighbourhood preservation effort in Sandy Hill, Centretown and across Canada and Martin was part of that both personally and professionally. Reading about Martin's Masters degree in Early American Culture and Decorative Arts puts the living room into perspective. It was an oasis of modernism for someone who could appreciate many aspects of our built and material heritage."

An expert in historic design, materials and colors, Weil specialized in restoration projects of landmark historic homes and other properties primarily in and around Los Angeles. As a restoration architect, Weil was known for what a Times writer in 1989 referred to as his "scrupulous attention to detail."

Stuart Lazear recalled that while he was on the executive of the SSAC the Society approved the Martin Eli Weil Prize. "This award," he said, "was certainly a tribute to the Society's founder while he was alive. It remains a legacy to him on his passing."

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