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CHÂTEAU LAURIER CHIS ADDENDUM

Subject: CULTURAL HERITAGE IMPACT STATEMENT
ADDENDUM

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Project: Château Laurier - 1 Rideau Street

Project #: 17-058-02

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Dear Ms. Coutts,

The purpose of this Cultural Heritage Impact Statement (CHIS) Addendum is to describe and evaluate recent design refinements made to the development proposal for an addition to the Château Laurier, located at 1 Rideau Street, Ottawa (the “Development Site”) as part of a revised SPA/design submission. As such, this CHIS Addendum provides an update to a previous CHIS Addendum for the project, issued by ERA on February 20, 2019 (the “February Addendum”), and is intended to be read alongside the February Addendum, in addition to the Revised Cultural Heritage Impact Statement (CHIS), issued by ERA on May 9th, 2018 (the “2018 CHIS”), and a previous CHIS for the Development Site, prepared by MTBA and dated January 2017 (the “MTBA CHIS”).

Summary of Design Refinements

Since the February Addendum was issued, the exterior design of the Château Laurier’s proposed addition has developed further as a result of continued discussions with City staff, Heritage Ottawa, and the City’s advisory Urban Design Review Panel. As shown in the updated renderings included in the revised SPA/design submission, the proposed addition now includes the following changes to its exterior expression, aimed at strengthening its compatibility with the heritage hotel:

- The top two floors of the east pavilion have been redesigned to reflect the same exterior treatment as the west pavilion, with limestone piers and glass cladding on floors 2 through 5, and sandblasted and clear glass panels set into bronze frames on the top 2 storeys. The bronze vertical elements slip down between the stone piers that terminate at the 5th storey to form an interlacing pattern across the 6th level that references and compliments the existing interplay between the Château Laurier’s dormer windows and roof. Further, the vertical bronze elements add solidity to the east pavilion, and create a symmetry between the east and west pavilions that better reflects the design of the heritage hotel.
- The addition’s central connector element is now also proposed to be clad in vertical bronze channels on floors 2 through 5, which punctuate and provide more solidity to this building element. This heightened solidity and use of bronze detailing strengthens the addition’s relationship and compatibility with the Château Laurier.



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- Similarly, the elevated link element that bridges the west pavilion of the addition and the Château Laurier's existing west wing is proposed to be clad in an alternating arrangement of glass panels and bronze channels, adding complexity to the design, architecturally linking this element to the Château Laurier, and strengthening compatibility with the heritage hotel.

Heritage Evaluation & Conclusion

In light of the design refinements described above, this latest iteration of the proposal continues to respond to the requirement for compatibility with the character and features of the Château Laurier, while remaining distinctly of its time and distinguishable from the heritage hotel. As a result, the revised development proposal for the addition to the Château Laurier continues to conserve the cultural heritage value and attributes of on-site and adjacent heritage properties, and the surrounding landscape context.

We trust that the information contained within this CHIS Addendum sufficiently outlines recent refinements to the proposed addition to the Château Laurier, and summarizes our heritage opinion on these changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions regarding the contents of this CHIS Addendum.

Sincerely,

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