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Russell Gibson,
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by e-mail

Re: City of Ottawa Support for commemoration of Rockcliffe Park as a Historic District of National Significance

On behalf of Ottawa City Council, I am writing to advise of the City of Ottawa's, endorsement of the application by the Rockcliffe Park Residents' Association for the commemoration of Rockcliffe Park as a Historic District of National Significance under the *Historic Sites and Monuments Act*.

Ottawa City Council considered and approved the following Motion at the City Council meeting of July 21, 2021:

MOTION

Moved by Councillor R. King
Seconded by Councillor G. Gower

WHEREAS the Rockcliffe Park Residents' Association on behalf of the Village of Rockcliffe Park has filed an application for the commemoration of Rockcliffe Park as a Historic District of National Significance with the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS an endorsement from the municipality is required as part of this application; and

WHEREAS The Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District comprises the entire former village of Rockcliffe Park and was designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act in 1997 for its rare and significant approach to estate layout and landscape design; and

WHEREAS one of the objectives of the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District Plan is to conserve and enhance Rockcliffe Park's unique character as a planned and designed 19th century community characterized by its narrow



curving roads, without curbs or sidewalks, large lots and gardens and buildings set within a visually continuous green landscape; and

WHEREAS Historic districts constitute appropriate subjects for commemoration by the Board and are classified as geographically defined areas which create a special sense of time and place through buildings, structures and open spaces modified by human use and which are united by past events and use and/or aesthetically, by architecture and plan; and

WHEREAS such commemoration does not provide additional regulatory authority on the part of the municipality or that of the federal government in respect of such sites.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorse the application by the Rockcliffe Park Residents' Association for the commemoration of Rockcliffe Park as a Historic District of National Significance under the present legislation, being the Historic Sites and Monuments Act R.S.C., 1985, c. H-4.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Watson".

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c.c. Councillor Rawlson King, Rideau Rockcliffe Ward 13
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