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Statement on the proposed addition to the Château Laurier

These comments refer to the sixth version of the proposed addition to the Château Laurier Hotel prepared by Larco Investments Inc. and their architect Peter Clewes. I am grateful for the leadership of Heritage Ottawa, the Friends of the Château Laurier and the many individuals who worked collectively towards an acceptable design for the new addition. This achievement is rare and a tribute to the determination of civil society.

In my opinion, the revised proposal for the addition to the Château Laurier is a worthy contemporary response to the National Historic Site. This new version has been changed to reflect the asymmetry and verticality of existing hotel. In addition to opening up views into the existing courtyard, the massing of the two pavilions into three sections aligned with the hotel and the increased use of Indiana limestone complement the historic building in a manner that respects its heritage value. As such, it meets the requirement in the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* to make the new work physically and visually compatible with, subordinate to and distinguishable from the historic place.

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