

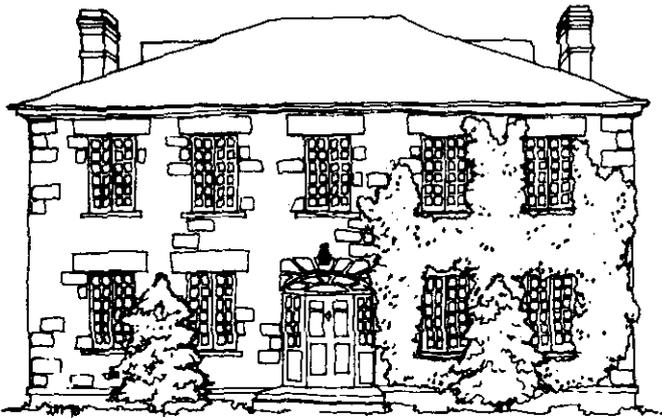
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MAPLELAWN -- one of the houses on Heritage Ottawa's Tour of Heritage Properties.
Drawing by Lise Potvin.

TOUR OF HERITAGE PROPERTIES IN THE CAPITAL

Volunteers are needed to act as hosts/hostesses in the homes that are open to view on Saturday, September 23. Volunteers may choose between 2-2½ hours "duty" period in either the morning or afternoon. They will receive a free pass entitling them to tour the other properties, and refreshments at the Fraser Schoolhouse. To volunteer, telephone Betty Ellis at 235-7793, or the Heritage Ottawa Office, at 745-0551.

HERITAGE OTTAWA GALLERY

"Building Ottawa" continues at the Fraser Schoolhouse, 62 John Street, through the month of September. Open weekends from 1:00 to 5:00, this exhibition of architectural drawings and maps has been loaned by the National Map Collection of the Public Archives of Canada.

Docents are needed to staff the gallery. To volunteer, please telephone 745-0551.

It will be noticed that the gallery is sporting a new sign--thanks to John Arnold, who donated the portable sign which may be set on the sidewalk to attract the attention of the public, and announce that the gallery is open.

OTTAWA CITY ARCHIVES EXHIBIT

"French Canadians of Old Lowertown" continues through September at the Ottawa City Archives, 174 Stanley Avenue. Open daily from 9:00 to 5:00, the exhibit features paintings of Lowertown by Ralph W. Burton.

VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST AT APT CONFERENCE

Volunteers are needed to staff the Registration Desk and for other tasks during the APT conference, September 20-23, Chateau Laurier Hotel. A total of approximately 20 persons are required to cover the hours 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, and the hours 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on each of the four days. Please volunteer by telephoning Bill Keenan at 997-0144 or 745-0551.

APT CONFERENCE -- STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Free accommodation is needed for student participants at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Preservation Technology, September 20-24. Please volunteer to billet one or more students by telephoning Gerry White at 234-2873 or 745-0551.

HERITAGE CANADA -- ANNUAL MEETING

The Fifth Annual General Meeting of Heritage Canada will be held at the National Library and Public Archives Building, September 29, 30, and October 1. All members are invited to participate. The Annual Business Meeting will take place on September 29 at 1:30 p.m. at which time new governors will be elected, and proposed changes to the by-laws will be voted upon. That evening, the Annual Dinner will be held at the Skyline Hotel, commencing at 7:30. Pierre Berton, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors, will be the guest speaker, and the recipients of the annual Heritage Awards will be announced.

On Saturday, September 30, two panel presentations will take place: "People and Conservation", commencing at 9:30 a.m. and "Business and Conservation", commencing at 2:00.

On Sunday, October 1, members are invited to tour the East Block of the Parliament Buildings and view the restoration work in progress. (See the May 1978 Heritage Ottawa Newsletter for a report on the East Block.) Following the tour, buses will leave for an afternoon at the Phillips' Place.

For more information, telephone Heritage Canada at 237-1867 or 237-1066.

LACAC MEANS HERITAGE TO OTTAWA

LACAC NOTES

At the Annual Meeting of Heritage Ottawa, on May 31, members were treated to an interesting talk by Georges Bédard, Alderman for By St-Georges Ward.

A major breakthrough for heritage homeowners came about at a recent LACAC meeting when a formal recommendation was made for heritage grants. Approval for this programme is expected following discussion with the City Finance Department.

In 1972, the Special Mayor's Committee on Heritage was formed to evaluate the significance of Ottawa's heritage and recommend measures for its conservation. Heritage conservation was established as a significant consideration in City planning and an Archivist and Heritage Planner were added to the City Planning Branch in early 1974.

Owners of heritage-designated properties would be able to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 for restoration and upkeep of their homes. This long-awaited programme will serve as an incentive as well as an aide to these special homeowners. Costs for the maintenance and restoration of heritage buildings often exceed those for more recently erected structures, simply because of their age.

It was approved that a Citizens' Advisory Committee on Heritage be established to provide information for future heritage programs. The primary responsibility of the Committee is to supply the City with advice and assistance on heritage matters. The second major responsibility is to advise and comment on specific heritage cases as problems arise.

According to the written recommendation: "Owners of buildings of heritage value ... who require assistance in maintaining, repairing or restoring the exterior portion of their premises... may apply for a single grant of 33% of the total cost of such work... up to a total of \$5,000 for designated buildings and \$3,000 for listed buildings within designated areas."

Application would be made by the owners to City Council for approval of the alteration of a designated property.

The Heritage Advisory Committee (now known as LACAC) is composed of up to fifteen persons appointed for a two-year term. The citizens serving on the Committee have an expert knowledge in heritage and conservation and represent a broad spectrum of community interests and organizations.

Since its inception, the Advisory Committee has been instrumental in saving such heritage properties as the Billings Estate and Philomene Terrace. Recent Committee problems centre around the purchase and design of bronze plaques for heritage properties, and the style of lamps to be erected in heritage areas, such as Sandy Hill.

The following heritage designations were recommended at the last meeting:

Earnscliffe Estate, Sussex Drive; Union Station, Rideau Street; Connaught Building, Sussex Drive; Victoria Memorial Museum, McLeod Street.

Jennifer Roddick

It is the hope of Heritage Ottawa that, working hand-in-hand with LACAC, more of Ottawa's historical character can be preserved.

Jennifer Roddick

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Heritage Ottawa's current membership year ends on September 30, 1978. To indicate your continuing interest in the conservation of Ottawa's architecture, renew your membership now. If you wish to become a member of Heritage Canada, the national organization of which Heritage Ottawa is a member association, you may do so at a reduced rate by taking out a joint membership. Please remit the coupon below with your cheque to Heritage Ottawa, P.O. Box 510, Station B, Ottawa, K1P 5P6.

Heritage Ottawa Membership Application

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