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RIDEAU CENTRE AND THE DALY BUILDING

Plans for the proposed Rideau Centre have been moving ahead. The Rideau Area Project Team now favours a "transit mall" for buses and pedestrians along Rideau Street between Sussex Drive and Nicholas, with cars diverted along George Street and an extension of Daly Avenue. The Rideau Centre Public Advisory Committee, a coalition of citizens' groups on which Heritage Ottawa is represented, disagrees with the proposal. The Committee addressed the first-ever joint planning meeting of the City, the Regional Municipality, and the N.C.C. on 12 September. It prepared a revised brief for presentation to City Council on 4 October.

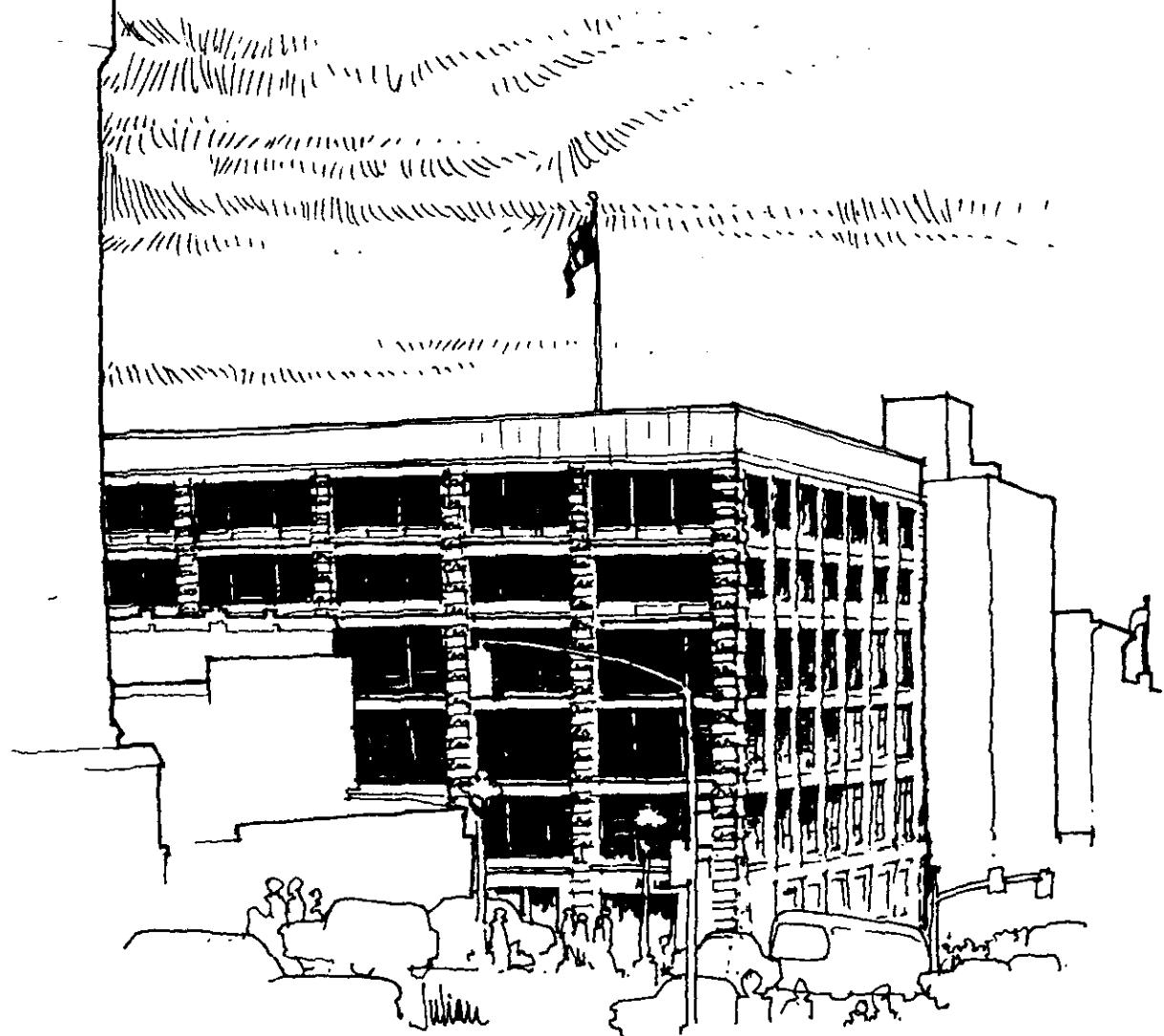
The Public Advisory Committee now rejects both the transit mall scheme and the alternative of closing Rideau Street to all traffic. It wants merchants and landlords to begin a self-help program of revitalization within a framework of architectural conservation. It urges that the City develop a pedestrian network within the blocks, whether or not the federal government proceeds with plans to build on its own lands nearby.

In a related issue, the Department of Public Works has ordered tenants to leave the Daly Building at Rideau and Sussex by the end of October, because it wants to demolish the building. The handsome five-storey classic of commercial design was

erected as a department store in two stages between 1905 and 1913. It has long been underused by D.P.W. A study prepared for D.P.W. in 1974 by architect Brian E. Pye showed that "it is clearly feasible to rehabilitate the Daly Building" into "modern general office space." The government has ignored Pye's conclusions, and apparently wants to tear the building down because it is embarrassed by its self-created glut of office space in downtown Ottawa.

The Public Advisory Committee strongly opposes plans for its demolition, and urges that the Daly Building be rehabilitated as a key element in the revitalized Rideau Street.

H.D. Kalman



OCTOBER MEETING

DATE Wednesday, October 18, 1978
8:00 p.m.

PLACE Lisgar Collegiate Auditorium

TOPIC Columns and Capitals in the Capital of Canada.
Hellmut Schade of Carleton University's School of Architecture will give an illustrated lecture on the classical architecture of Ottawa.

TOUR OF HERITAGE PROPERTIES

The September 23 tour was a great success. The tour committee expresses a warm "thank you" to all the volunteers who gave time generously to make it so, and to all the members who supported the organization by buying tickets. A profit of approximately \$2500 was realized. It will be used to further the work and programs of Heritage Ottawa.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

On September 29, Mayor Lorry Greenberg, Alderman Georges Bédard, and R.A.J. Phillips were presented with Heritage Ottawa Certificates of Recognition by President William E. Keenan. Mayor Greenberg was honoured for his leadership in developing a heritage program for the city. In presenting the award, Mr. Keenan also praised the Mayor for his involvement in the Billings Estate, and Philomene Terrace. Alderman Bédard's award was given in recognition of the important role he has played as chairman of Ottawa's Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee. Heritage Ottawa's first president, Robert A.J. Phillips, being honoured on the occasion of his retirement as first executive director of Heritage Canada, was commended for his work in furthering the heritage cause not only in Ottawa, but on the national level as well.

Each year, as part of the celebration of Heritage Day in February and the city's birthday in September, Heritage Ottawa presents Certificates of Recognition to those individuals, institutions, businesses, organizations and government agencies who have contributed to the recognition, preservation, and utilization of the city's patrimony. The Board of Directors invites members to make recommendations for recipients of this award throughout the year. Proposals for awards to be given in February may be addressed to President William Keenan.

HERITAGE OTTAWA GALLERY

"Nineteenth Century Building Technology in the Ottawa Valley" opens October 14 at the Fraser Schoolhouse, 62 John Street. The exhibition and slide show, organized by Gerry White and Nigel Hutchins of the Restoration and Rehabilitation Technology Program at Algonquin College, will continue until December 17.

RENOVATIONS OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS

Passersby will have noticed the renovations taking place at the Embassy of the Polish People's Republic, 443 Daly Avenue. A newspaper report recently announced planned renovations to the Embassy of Turkey, 197 Wurtemburg Street, but details of the work were not stated.

THANK YOU APT CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS

I would like to thank all of those members of Heritage Ottawa who responded favourably to the telephone canvass in search of volunteers to serve at the registration desks and in the sale of publications at the conference of the Association for Preservation Technology (APT) at the Chateau Laurier, September 20-23, 1978. Your kind co-operation in turning out at sometimes odd times during those days is very much appreciated. Mr. Martin Weaver, the President of APT, has asked me to convey to Heritage Ottawa his appreciation for serving as host, together with the City of Ottawa, for their tenth annual conference.

Members of Heritage Ottawa who assisted at the APT Conference are as follows:

Mrs. P.A. Armstrong, Mr. John Arnold, Mrs. Elizabeth Barr, Mrs. Judy Burns, Mr. Brian Cameron, Mrs. J.H. Crysdale, Mrs. Elsie Desmarais, Miss Anne Donaldson, Mrs. S.C. Evans, Mrs. G.J. Foley, Mrs. C.A. Gale, Margaret Gardner, Ms. Ann Gillespie, Mrs. Bruce Grant, Mrs. A.R. Gaultieri, Mrs. Barbara Haxby, Mrs. J.H. Hiland, Mrs. R.F. Hirsch, Mrs. Gertrude Holt, Lila Hudson, Mrs. Barbara Humphreys, Mrs. Cynthia Jeffrey, Ms. Laura Johnson, Mrs. Jennifer Jones, Lois Johnston, Olga Jurgens, Mr. Hal Kalman, Mrs. Margaret Keenan, Mrs. H.H. Kelland, Mrs. Elizabeth Kidd, Mrs. D.S. Killeen, Mrs. Stella Kirk, Irene Lackner, Mr. Rolf Latte, Mr. John Leaning, Mrs. C. Leighton, Miss Lynn McIntosh, Mrs. Ann McJanet, Mr. Jim Morris, Ms. Helen Rapp, Miss R. Rescorla, Miss Julie Strom, Martin Weil, Johanna Wellheiser, Barbara Witt.

Thank you everyone.

W.E. Keenan,
President

WINTARIO GRANT

Heritage Ottawa has been awarded \$6500 by Wintario in response to its submission for matching funds to remove and conserve the murals from the Murray Street Synagogue. The submission, which was made in cooperation with the Committee to Save the Murals, was sent to Wintario in March prior to the commencement of the work. In the interim, the Committee to Save the Murals has raised the matching funds, which are administered by Heritage Ottawa. At the present time, the murals, which have been removed and crated, are being stored in space provided by the National Museum of Man. The Committee to Save the Murals is holding discussions with several institutions who have expressed interest in providing a home for the works. Once the location has been chosen, the murals will be consolidated and prepared for installation.

M. E. Weil

ICOMOS CANADA

Heritage Ottawa has been given a membership in ICOMOS (International Council of Monuments and Sites) CANADA. Incorporated in 1977 as a national non-profit organization, ICOMOS CANADA is organized to support the activities and programs of the UNESCO program ICOMOS, established in 1965 to promote the study and conservation of historic monuments, buildings, and districts, and to cultivate the interest of the people of all countries in the protection of their cultural heritage. Fifty-six national committees, of which ICOMOS CANADA is one, affiliate with the UNESCO body. Information on the work of ICOMOS and ICOMOS CANADA is available at the Fraser Schoolhouse.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's not too late to renew your Heritage Ottawa membership. As our membership year expired on September 30, future newsletter issues will not be mailed to lapsed members so renew now! A list of paid-up members will be published soon. Make sure your name is on it. Mail your renewal to Heritage Ottawa, P.O. Box 510, Station B, Ottawa, K1P 5P6.

Heritage Ottawa Membership Application

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