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Re: Proposed Addition to the Chateau Laurier Hotel

Dear Ms. Hamlin,

The Lowertown Community Association (LCA) has closely followed the discussion about the design plans for the proposed addition to the Chateau Laurier Hotel. It has also followed the subsequent public debate, held internal discussions including the involvement of an architectural historian. The LCA offers the following comments.

The LCA understands the need for additional room space at the hotel as explained by Larco Investments, the owner of the hotel. However, it is the position of the LCA that an addition to the rear of the existing chateau-style building should complement the hotel architecturally and fit comfortably with the other major historic buildings that comprise the Parliamentary precinct or it should be supportive of the architecture of the hotel but not be seen as an intrusion in the precinct. It is the LCA's position that the proposed addition does not satisfy either of these approaches.

Accordingly, we recommend that the proposal in its present form be rejected and that Larco Investments be asked to submit a more appropriate proposal, one that can be recognized as taking its own place in the Parliamentary precinct or that can complement the existing building without attracting attention in its own right.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Liz Bernstein
President, Lowertown Community Association

Cc. Councillor Mathieu Fleury