

HERITAGE CANADA
NATIONAL TRUST



HÉRITAGE CANADA
FIDUCIE NATIONALE

*Patron: His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston
C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D., Governor General of Canada*

*Président d'honneur : Son Excellence le très honorable David Johnston
C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D., Gouverneur général du Canada*

June 5, 2014

Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
City of Regina
2476 Victoria Avenue,
P.O. Box 1790
Regina, SK S4P 3C8

Subject: Connaught School, Regina -- Municipal Heritage Designation

I am writing on behalf of the board and staff of Heritage Canada The National Trust (HCNT) to express our support for the Municipal Heritage Designation of Regina's historic Connaught School.

Built in 1912, Connaught School is the city's oldest school building and only remaining public school from the pre-World War I period. Designed by prominent prairie architect J.H. Putin, the two-storey brick classically-inspired building served as a prototype for other city schools. The building's general massing and character remain intact, as do many of its character-defining elements. The later gymnasium is the work of nationally renowned architect Clifford Wiens.

The school is also an important landmark situated on a signature corner of Regina's high profile heritage corridor.

In addition, Connaught School is the birthplace of Saskatchewan's community schools movement and was a pioneer in dual English-French education. For many years it was Canada's only dual-track community school.

Concerned for the future of this important Canadian landmark, HCNT named Connaught School to the Top Ten Endangered Places in Canada list in 2012.

Based on the report of a highly qualified heritage building conservator, the school is a good candidate for rehabilitation and renovation.

It is without hesitation that we therefore encourage you to bestow a Municipal Heritage Designation on this important heritage landmark.

We've changed our name and renewed our vision!

Nous avons changé notre nom et renouvelé notre vision!

HCNT is a national, not for profit and non-governmental organization established in 1973 leads action to save historic places, and promotes the care and wise use of our historic environment and inspires Canadians to identify, conserve, use, celebrate and value their heritage buildings for future generations.

Sincerely,



Natalie Bull
Executive Director

We've changed our name and renewed our vision!

Nous avons changé notre nom et renouvelé notre vision!