



December 16, 2013

Stephen S. Poloz, Governor, and Board of Directors
Bank of Canada
234 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, ON K1A 0G9

Dear Governor Poloz and members of the Board of Directors:

Re: Proposed Alterations – Bank of Canada Building

We are writing to express concern regarding proposed changes to the Bank of Canada's head office building on Wellington Street in Ottawa.

Heritage Canada The National Trust and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada request an opportunity for discussion. We believe we can bring additional expertise to assist the Bank. For example, we could facilitate an advisory panel of distinguished experts in heritage and architecture.

Thanks to the vision of Governor Louis Rasminsky in the 1970s, the Bank possesses a masterpiece by Arthur Erickson, Canada's internationally best-known architect. We welcomed the Bank's renewed commitment in 2007, when it installed a plaque recognizing Erickson's achievement.

More recently, concerns arose when the Bank declined to accept the Prix du XXe siècle, an honour granted by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada) and Heritage Canada The National Trust.

We urge you to recognize the public interest in this exceptional modern heritage building and to consider our overture for dialogue.

Perhaps there are ways to meet the Bank's present or near-term needs without making irreversible changes to the design.

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