

October 15, 2018

Mayor & Council
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square Victoria BC
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re: **906 McClure Street Application for Heritage Designation**

Dear Mayor and Council:

Number TEN Architectural Group, on behalf of the owners Abigail's Hotel, is pleased to submit this application for a Heritage Designation for the building at 906 McClure Street originally known as the Bessborough Apartments and currently the main building of Abigail's Bed and Breakfast Hotel operation. Originally built in the 1930's as a Tudor revival-style apartment building, it was completely renovated in 1985 converting it into a 17-room bed and breakfast inn. At that time, the building received a Heritage Conservation Covenant without a Heritage Designation Bylaw.

The hotel was expanded in 1998 with the Coach House, a stand-alone building fronting along Quadra Street with 6 guestrooms. The Owners are currently in for a rezoning and development permit application for the property at 910 McClure Street with a stand-alone building with 8 guestrooms.

The Owners take great care in the original building as Abigail's has won many prestigious awards including Trivago's Top Ten 5 Star Hotels in Canada Award for 2018, Hotels Combined 2018 Recognition of Excellence and Trip Advisor's Traveller's Choice Award for 2018.

The Owners ongoing intention is to ensure the long-term protection of the property and wish to replace the 1985 Heritage Conservation Covenant with a Heritage Designation Bylaw.

Should you require any further information, please contact the undersigned. If any additional information is required related to hotel operation, please contact Allison Fairhurst, general manager of Abigail's Hotel (T: 250 388-5363 E: allison@abigailshotel.com).

Sincerely,



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