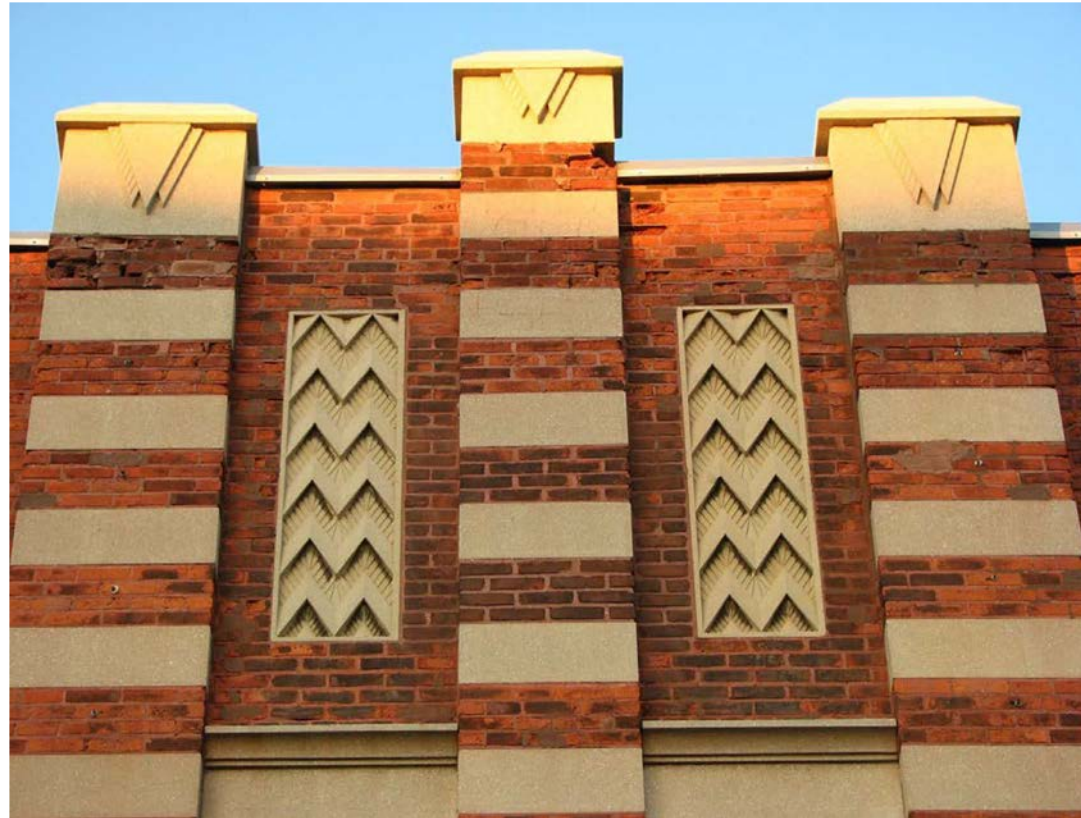


**Uptown Sudbury Community Action Network (CAN)
Réseau d'action communautaire (RAC) de la Haute-ville de Sudbury**



Designation of École Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague Building

Presentation to the City of Greater Sudbury Council of November 10, 2020

Uptown Community Members

Mme. Cortney St-Jean, MA

- Chair of the Uptown Sudbury CAN (2018.11 to present)
- Archaeologist and Sessional Professor at Laurentian University's School of the Environment

Dr. Izabel Amaral, Ph.D.

- Member of the Heritage Sub-Committee for the Uptown Sudbury CAN (2019.10 to present)
- Professor at Laurentian University's McEwen School of Architecture

Other Heritage Sub-Committee Members

Mr. Ted Wilson

- Architect and Professor at Laurentian University's McEwen School of Architecture

Dr. Terrance Galvin, Ph.D., MRAIC

- Architect, Professor and Founding Director of the McEwen School of Architecture

Mr. Chris Gervais

- Systems Administrator, IT

Dr. Donald Dennie

- Retired Professor and Former Dean at Laurentian University (Sociology)

Uptown Sudbury CAN Heritage Sub-Committee have already invested 447 hours of their time in working for the preservation of 162 Mackenzie Street.

Voices from the Uptown Community about 162 Mackenzie

“We in Sudbury have a long and sad history of tearing down our historic buildings only to build a lesser representation of who we were and are in its place. Here is an opportunity to change that.”

“We don't have very many buildings still standing that are of historical significance in Greater Sudbury. We need to preserve the ones that are still left.”

“It would be sacrilegious to not preserve it as a historical building. The City of Sudbury does not have an envious record of preserving historical buildings of note. Here is a chance to start.”

“These are the buildings that give neighbourhoods their reason for being.”¹

¹ Uptown Sudbury CAN Heritage Sub-Committee. *Community Support for the Preservation of 162 Mackenzie*. 2020, p. 53

Voices from the Uptown Community about 162 Mackenzie

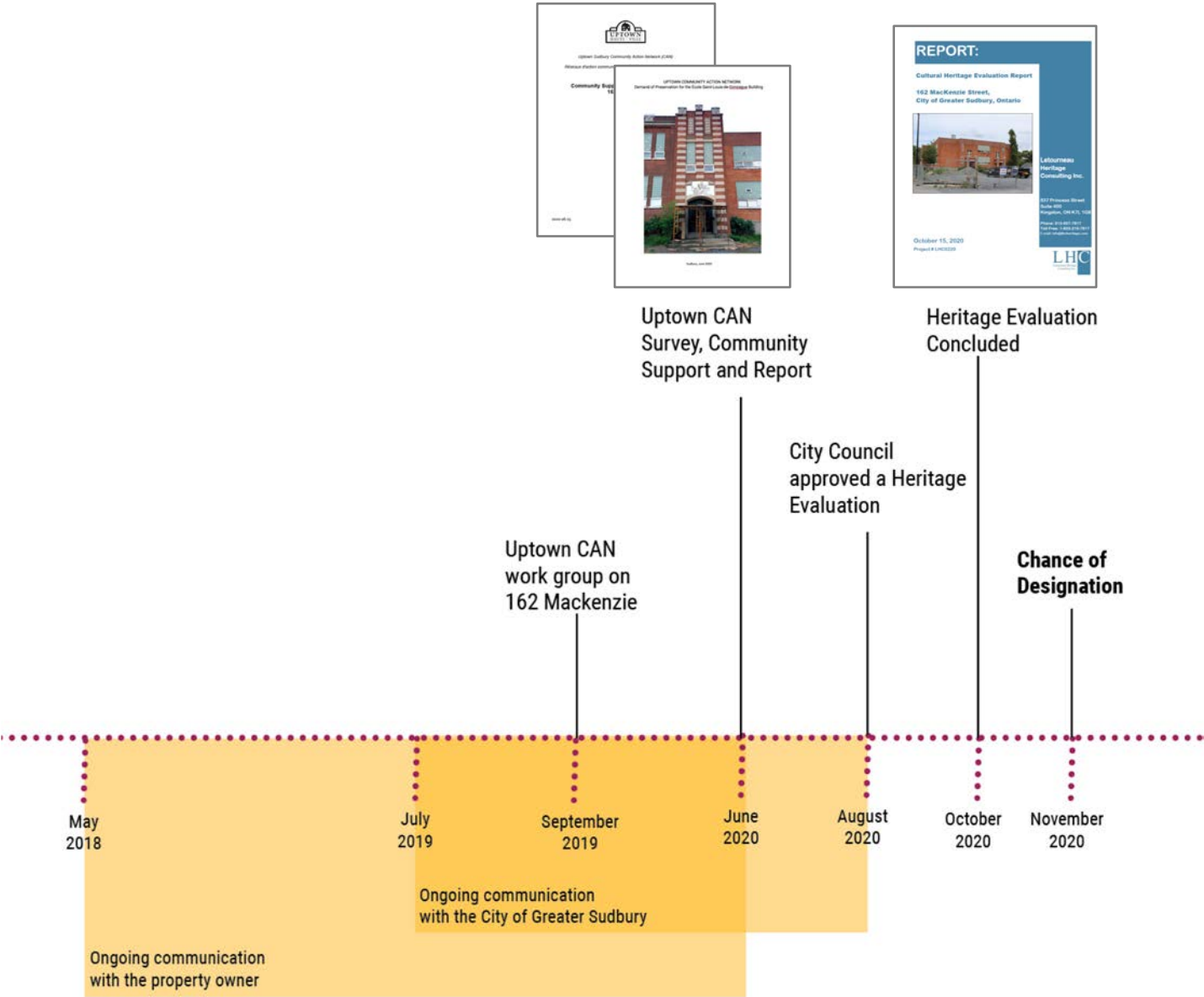
“It helps anchor the francophone community still living in this neighbourhood today (close to half of my neighbours on Patterson, Landsdowne, College and Baker live in French).”

“I think that every effort should be made to preserve and restore the building, and that it is possible to simultaneously modify it slightly to suit its role.”

“This is Sudbury's Cabbagetown. Let's treat it that way.”²

² Uptown Sudbury CAN Heritage Sub-Committee. *Community Support for the Preservation of 162 Mackenzie*. 2020, p. 54

Timeline of Actions for Uptown CAN



Summary of Uptown CAN's Demand of Preservation

UPTOWN COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK
Demand of Preservation for the École Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague Building



Sudbury, June 2020

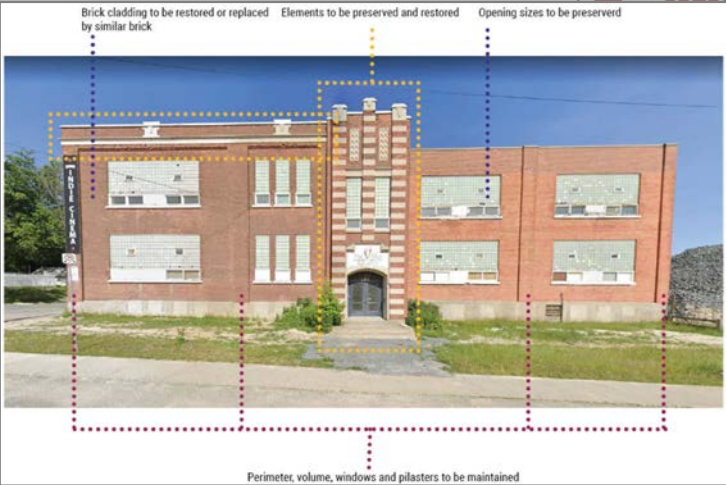
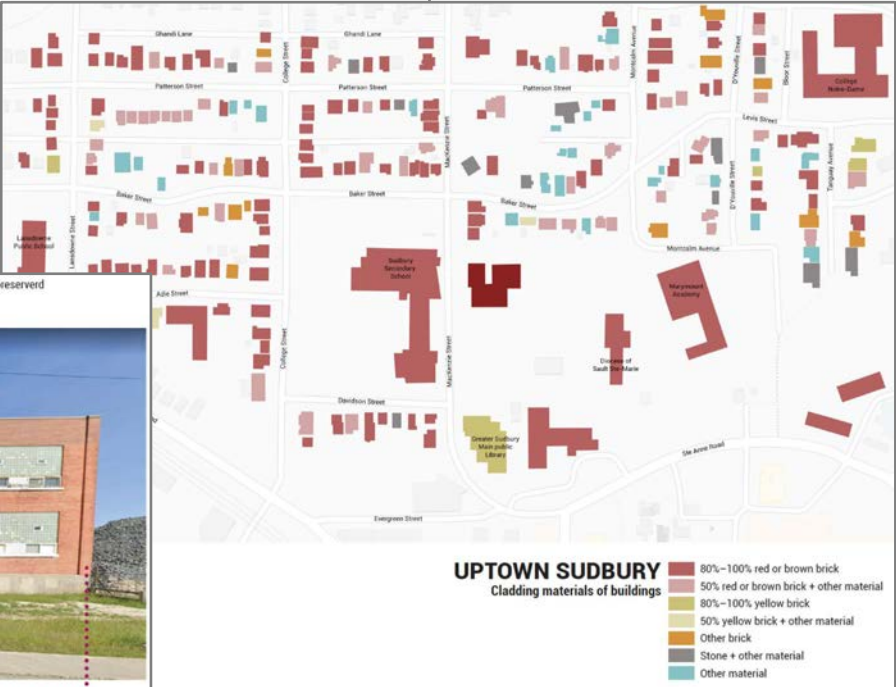
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Sudbury Master Plan – Vision for the Entry of Uptown Area



Urban design concepts for the corner of Mackenzie and Ste-Anne road in the *Downtown Sudbury Master Plan* (2012). It includes new buildings, vegetation along sidewalks and parking spaces are located behind buildings.

Historical Attributes of 162 Mackenzie



1) The building is the physical symbol of Sudbury's community resistance and defiant action against the discriminatory regulation (17) that did not allow education in French in our province when it was open (1915). It is a culturally and historically significant chapter in Sudbury's history.

2) The architecture is ornamental and highly decorative for our city and northern Ontario. This is a rare building.

3) The building has been a key feature of Uptown for 105 years.

4) The building's importance and significance to Sudbury's story goes beyond one owner or another redevelopment

5) The building's exterior is deteriorating before our community's eyes and requires immediate action



Summary of CAN's Community and Institutional Support



Uptown Sudbury Community Action Network (CAN)

Réseaux d'action communautaire (RAC) de la Haute-ville Sudbury

**Community Support for the Preservation of
162 Mackenzie**

2020-06-25

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May 8, 2020

To whom it may concern:

Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury is pleased to share the historical architectural features of the

Built in 1914, it is the oldest school building in Sudbury with special significance to the francophone and francophone history.

Maintaining this historic facade preserves our history. Historic buildings are part of our identity and strengthen the identity of our City and neighbourhood and appeal of our urban environment. To maintain and connect generations. Greater Sudbury Special effort should be made to preserve

Regards,
Naomi Grant
Co-chair, Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury

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Le 21 mai 2020

Réseau d'action communautaire
Haute-ville Sudbury
À l'attention de Cortney St-Jean, présidente

Par cette lettre, le Conseil d'administration de la Place des Arts appuie sans réserve l'initiative du Réseau d'action communautaire de la haute-ville Sudbury de sauvegarder la façade et les caractéristiques architecturales historiques de l'ancienne école St-Louis-de-Gonzague située au 162 de la rue Mackenzie.

L'intégration du caractère physique et matériel de cette institution au projet Amberwood serait une célébration et un témoignage important de ce que cette école représente pour la communauté franco-ontarienne de Sudbury et l'histoire de l'Ontario. La création de cette école, il y a plus de 100 ans, a permis aux enfants francophones du quartier de s'instruire dans leur langue, à une époque mouvementée où l'enseignement en français était interdit par le gouvernement provincial. Cette politique assimilationniste a duré de 1912 à 1927 en Ontario et a laissé des cicatrices profondes dans le tissu social et culturel franco-ontarien.

C'est pour cette raison que nous souhaitons manifester notre appui à cette initiative importante qui fait écho à la vision de la Place des Arts qui est de

'rendre possibles et accessibles des expériences culturelles et artistiques de qualité qui marquent de façon durable la vie des citoyens et contribuent au développement et au mieux-être de la communauté francophone et de la communauté du Grand Sudbury'.

En espérant que votre initiative sera couronnée de succès, nous vous présentons nos meilleures salutations.

Stéphane Gauthier
Président



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Destinataire : Réseau d'action communautaire (RAC) de la Haute-Ville du Grand-Sudbury

Ge Miville, professeur adjoint et titulaire de la chaire de recherche en histoire de la ville de Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague

atrimoniale de l'école Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague

te à votre demande du 1^{er} mai 2020 concernant la valeur patrimoniale de l'école élémentaire Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague. Je vous présente cette lettre en appui pour votre projet de conserver l'aspect patrimonial de l'école, qui est actuellement l'objet d'un projet de conversion en logement.

La Place des Arts est intimement liée à l'histoire franco-ontarienne, religieuse et culturelle de la ville du Grand-Sudbury. Il s'agit d'un des plus anciens édifices de la ville qui existe toujours depuis la démolition en 2005 de l'orphelinat qui était anciennement « l'école brune ». L'école Central, construite en 1914, a survécu à la démolition de l'école brune et voit le jour à l'époque d'une explosion démographique de la ville.

La Place des Arts a le plaisir de souligner que l'édifice, conçu par l'architecte sudburyen Louis Laberge, a été construit par la Laberge Lumber Company, a utilisé des matériaux locaux, notamment les briques de la Sudbury Brick Company. La réalisation entièrement sudburyoise représentant les deux principaux aspects de la ville. Rares sont les exemples toujours existants de ce type d'édifice.

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« The School Strictly Sudbury-Made », *The Sudbury Star*, 23 janvier 1915, p. 1. www.sudbury.ca



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Greater Sudbury – May 5, 2020

Cortney St-Jean
Chair
Uptown Sudbury Community Action Network
info@uptownsudbury.ca

Dear Mme St-Jean,

The Association canadienne-française de l'Ontario (ACFO) du grand Sudbury is pleased to support your initiative to preserve and restore the former École St-Louis-de-Gonzague located at 162 Mackenzie Street in downtown Sudbury.

Too often, in our zeal to move towards modernization, we forget our heritage and the important legacies that have been left to us. This is a situation that is repeated too often in many cities, and unfortunately, it is a very common phenomenon in our community.

The history of the French Sudburian is one of a strong, tenacious, determined and productive people. The first parish in Sudbury was St-Anne-des-Pins. Unfortunately, this church was destroyed by fire almost 30 years ago now. We also had the magnificent Maison d'Youville, the former orphanage, which suffered a sad fate under the excavator. It is simply a matter of looking at old photos of our downtown to realize the beauty and architecture lost by our lack of respect and admiration for our heritage.

The École St-Louis-de-Gonzague, like Collège du Sacré-Coeur, was established at a time when the Ontario government was trying to assimilate us and precipitate our demise. In this dark period in our history, Regulation 17 had the opposite effect to what the provincial government was trying to do. As a community, we moved forward and continued to develop and build the institutions we needed to ensure our sustainability and survival. The École St-Louis-de-Gonzague is an example of this tenacity and stubbornness. It would be absolutely deplorable to destroy another historic building in our community. We understand the need for modernization and change, but it cannot always be at the expense of our history and heritage.

We wholeheartedly support your initiative and we wish you every success.

On behalf of the ACFO du grand Sudbury's Board of Directors,

Joanne Gervais
Executive Director

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Summary of CAN's Community and Institutional Support

Wayne & Paula Fraser

Hi Cortney, this email is to support your very worthwhile cause of saving the façade of one of our more historic Sudbury buildings. Too many beautiful historic buildings in the Sudbury downtown area have been torn down over the years which we have always regretted. The Old Post office at the corner of Elm in the past that we regret. We absolutely need to keep some of our Sudbury heritage,

Thank you for all your hard work in this endeavour,

Sincerely,

Wayne & Paula Fraser
223 Montcalm Ave
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Nancy Daoust

Dear Mr. DiPietro,

I recently moved into the Uptown area and live on D'Youville Street. My family and I love the neighbourhood for many reasons, in particular its beautiful and unique architecture.

It's important to preserve our city's historical buildings, particularly those that showcase our diversity. One sixty two Mackenzie is one of those buildings. It is significant to our Francophone community and is the oldest school in Greater Sudbury. It would be a great loss to our community to lose this beautiful building.

It is great to see new development in our neighbourhood, that continues to improve Uptown as well as the city of Sudbury. Please ensure that your company maintains the original facade of 162 Mackenzie into your design. It would be a wonderful combination of old and new, and most importantly keep our city's history intact.

Sincerely,

Nancy Daoust

Sheila Kelly-Petrin & Gary Petrin

May 8, 2020

Cortney St-Jean,

Chair, Uptown Sudbury Community Action Network

I am writing to you on behalf of my husband Gary Petrin and myself to express our concern about the property at 162 Mackenzie Street. We understand the Uptown CAN is working towards ensuring that the facade of this Sudbury historic landmark is preserved by the property developer, Autumnwood Group Inc., as they construct a new building complex next to it. We fully support this initiative!

We have owned our home at the corner of Patterson and Montcalm Streets for thirty-two years and have passed the former St.Louis de Gonzague school almost every day during that time. It's historic importance is significant as one of the oldest remaining schools and the facade speaks to this, in particular the separate entrances on the south side of the building which date back to a time when boys and girls were segregated.

We have all seen far too many of our downtown historic buildings demolished. By respecting the history of this building, this developer has a chance to demonstrate their community commitment, something that can only shine a very positive light on this project and this developer.

Please feel free to forward this email to any interest party, and do not hesitate to contact us.

With best regards,

Sheila Kelly-Petrin,
Gary Petrin
2 Patterson Street,
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Serge Dupuis, Historian

On tend parfois à dévaloriser le patrimoine bâti, à démolir en fonction de logiques économiques qui nous coupent des racines qui nous permettent d'imaginer l'avenir en connaissance de cause.

Les vestiges du passé nous fournissent l'humilité pour reconnaître le chemin parcouru, les joies, les succès, les défis et les souffrances de nos ancêtres qui nous ont légué un présent, qu'il nous incombe à forger à notre tour.

L'École Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague, ouverte en 1915 et fermée en 1999, est justement un témoin et un acteur de plusieurs époques dans l'histoire de l'éducation franco-ontarienne.

Les commissaires canadiens-français à la Commission scolaire séparée de Sudbury l'ouvrent dans une volonté de résistance passive devant le Règlement 17 (1912-1927), qui interdit l'enseignement en français dans les écoles de la province de l'Ontario.

Tandis qu'à Ottawa, on pratique une désobéissance civile qui mène à la suspension des subventions provinciales des écoles franco-catholiques de la capitale, les Franco-Sudburois choisissent plutôt d'« obéir » à la directive en enseignant en anglais aux enfants pendant que les inspecteurs passent, mais en ignorant la directive lorsqu'ils n'y sont pas.

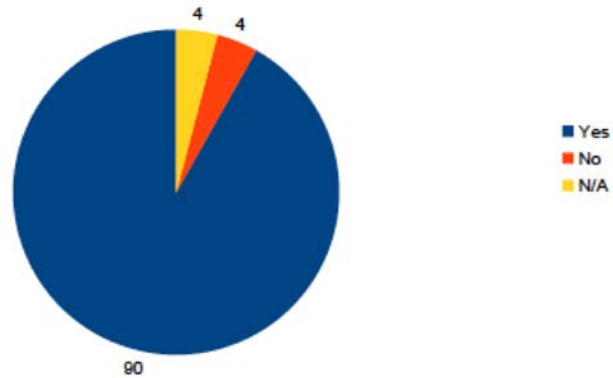
Alors que les élèves catholiques (canadiens-français, irlandais et italiens) se retrouvent dans une même école au centre-ville jusque-là, les commissaires canadiens-français (qui forment les deux tiers des élus à l'époque) décident de fonder une école, qui obéira formellement au Règlement 17, mais qui sera de facto une école strictement pour les élèves canadiens-français et qui enseignera en français.

Avec le Collège du Sacré-Coeur, qui vient d'être fondé par les Jésuites en 1913, c'est le début des écoles de langue française à Sudbury. Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague formera des milliers de jeunes canadiens-français et traversera toutes les époques en redevenant officiellement une école bilingue, à compter de 1927, une école pleinement française en 1963, et une nourricière des écoles secondaires de langue française qui ouvrent dans la ville — Collège Notre-Dame en 1948, École secondaire Macdonald-Cartier en 1969, École secondaire catholique Héritage en 1987. En 1998, les francophones obtiennent la gestion scolaire, c'est-à-dire des conseils scolaires de langue française dans la province. C'est le nouveau Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario qui prend la décision pénible, à cause d'un déclin des inscriptions au centre-ville, de fermer l'établissement à l'été de 1999.

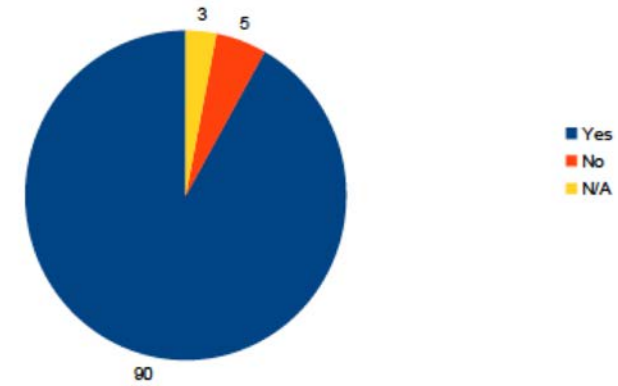
L'École Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague, premier établissement scolaire de langue française à Sudbury, mériterait d'être préservée d'une manière quelconque et pas oubliée comme testament de l'histoire franco-sudburoise et franco-ontarienne.

Uptown CAN Survey Results on 162 Mackenzie

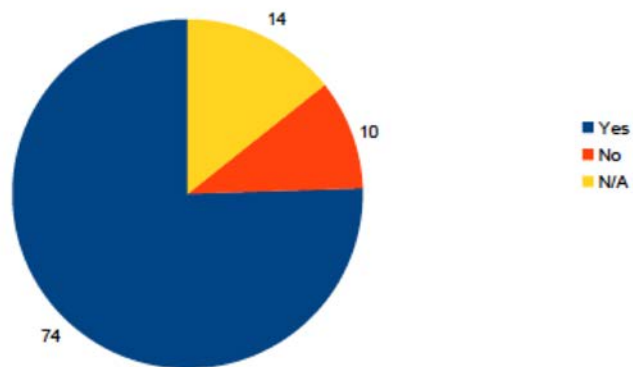
Do you think the red brick facade should be preserved and restored?



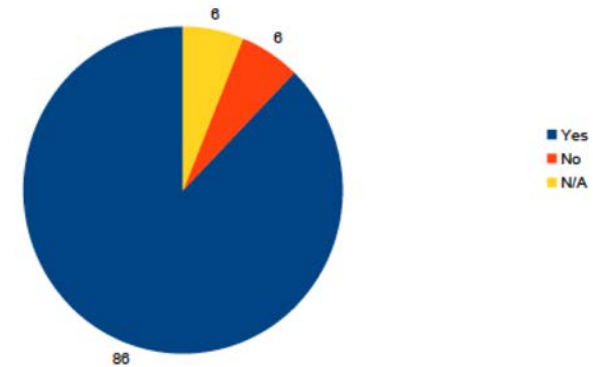
Do you think the exterior of 162 Mackenzie should be preserved and restored?



Do you think these three entrances should be preserved and restored?



Do you think 162 Mackenzie should be listed/designated by the Heritage Committee?



Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report Acquired by the City of Greater Sudbury

REPORT:

Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report

162 MacKenzie Street,
City of Greater Sudbury, Ontario



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October 15, 2020
Project # LHC0220



162 Mackenzie was “evaluated against Ontario Regulation 9/06 (O. Reg 9/06) Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest”.

“Based upon the research, existing conditions, and evaluation, LHC finds that the Subject Property known as 162 MacKenzie Street meets five criteria for designation under O. Reg. 9/06. As such, it is eligible for designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA).” ²

². Letourneau Heritage Consulting Inc. *Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report, 162 Mackenzie Street, City of Greater Sudbury, Ontario*. Kingston, ON, October 15, 2020. P. iv

Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report Acquired by the City of Greater Sudbury

8.2.3 Summary of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Subject Property known as 162 MacKenzie Street has cultural heritage value or interest for its physical/design values, its historical/associative values, and its contextual values.

162 MacKenzie Street has design value or physical value because it is a unique and early example of an evolved vernacular school building that exhibits the influences of various styles including Collegiate Gothic and Art Deco architecture. 162 MacKenzie Street also appears to be the third oldest surviving school building in Sudbury.

162 MacKenzie Street has historical or associative value because it has direct associations with the theme, activity, and institution of education in Sudbury – specifically, French-language education of the Sudbury Francophone community. The former school is an example of separate bilingual Catholic Francophone education and the coordinated efforts of Anglophone and Francophone School Board members to defy Regulation 17. The former school also contributed to the repeal of Regulation 17 through the 1927 Royal Commission Inquiry which used the Sudbury Separate Board as an example of positive bilingual instruction. Operating from 1915 to its closure in 2000, 162 MacKenzie Street is directly associated with the events of Regulation 17 and the teaching of French and English language in the community.

162 MacKenzie Street has historical or associative value as it demonstrates the work of architect P.J. O’Gorman who was significant to the creation of institutional buildings, such as schools, churches, and commercial structures, in Sudbury and Northern Ontario. Many of O’Gorman’s works are still present in Sudbury and Timmins, Ontario. St. Louis de Gonzague was one of O’Gorman’s earliest institutional buildings constructed in Sudbury and appears to have been the first in a series of educational (as well as other institutional, ecclesiastic, and commercial) buildings designed over a prolific career.

162 MacKenzie Street has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the character of the area. The area, defined as the Institutional Block, has a mixture of residential, commercial, and institutional buildings. These buildings include churches, schools, and public/government buildings. Eight schools and six public/government buildings are currently within this block. A higher concentration of these structures reinforces this area as an Institutional Block. The Institutional Block, located in the centre of Sudbury, fulfilled the needs of the community by providing educational, religious, leisure, and governmental needs.

162 MacKenzie Street also has contextual value because it is physically, visually, and historically linked to the Institutional Block. The Institutional Block is defined by its multiple schools and public and government buildings, including 162 MacKenzie Street. The overall relationship of the buildings on this Block reinforces these links.

8.2.4 Heritage Attributes

Heritage attributes that illustrate the cultural heritage value or interest of 162 MacKenzie Street lie in the 20th century brick school building, previously known as St. Louis de Gonzague, including:

- Its location, orientation, and scale and massing;
- Monochromatic brickwork;
- Art Deco-influenced parapet;
- Twin entrances located on the south elevation;
- Tower entrance located on the west elevation;
- The locations and configuration of large window openings; and,
- Views of the double entrance on the southern elevation from the property boundary along MacKenzie Street.

9 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based upon the research, existing conditions, and evaluation, LHC finds that the Subject Property known as 162 MacKenzie Street meets five criteria for designation under O. Reg. 9/06. As such, it is eligible for designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the OHA.

Press Releases by Uptown CAN on 162 Mackenzie

Press releases sent to more than 150 community households, and all local media outlets



Uptown Sudbury Community Action Network (CAN) Réseau d'action communautaire (RAC) de la Haute-ville de Sudbury

Media Release

Uptown Sudbury CAN/RAC de la Haute-ville de Sudbury asks City Council to Protect 162 Mackenzie with Heritage Designation

2020-08-11

The Uptown Sudbury Community Action Network (CAN) has written to Mayor Bigger and the Councillors asking for the City of Greater Sudbury to officially designate the exterior of 162 Mackenzie (former St-Louis-de-Gonzague elementary school) under the provincial Heritage Act.

162 Mackenzie is a threatened property and needs the protection of a Heritage Act designation to ensure its survival.

This building is the oldest school still standing in Greater Sudbury (built in 1914). It was constructed as a school for French students when French language education in our province was not allowed under *Règlement 17*. This building and what it stood for in 1914 is significant for the Francophone community and for the history of all Franco-Ontarians. It is a symbol of Sudbury's resistance to discrimination and our determination to work together to overcome adversity.

162 Mackenzie is architecturally unique in Sudbury. The ornamentation of the main façade, with its projection and cornice, are exceptional in our city's landscape. It is one of the most highly decorated buildings in the city. It has all the characteristics required by current practices in built heritage preservation: age, authenticity, rarity and representativeness. The separate entrances for girls and boys are a striking architectural feature. 162 Mackenzie has remarkable high-quality architectural values that are locally, municipally and provincially significant.

Our working group consists of Izabel Amaral, Ted Wilson, Terrance Galvin, Donald Dennie, Chris Gervais and Cortney St-Jean. We are architects, historians, information technologists and archaeologists. More importantly, we are all Greater Sudbury community members coming together to try and preserve a significant building in our city's history.

We have worked since June 2019 to prepare the necessary research and evaluation material in order to meet all the criteria set out by the Provincial Heritage Act for designation. We have received many letters of support from organizations both locally and provincially, and we conducted a survey in order to gather community input on the subject which resulted in overwhelmingly positive results for protection and preservation.

We strongly believe that 162 Mackenzie is both culturally and architecturally significant to the heritage of our city and, as such, should be designated as a Heritage building in order to protect it from further neglect, deterioration and eventual demolition.

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Cortney J. St-Jean
Uptown Sudbury CAN, Chair
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Uptown Sudbury Community Action Network (CAN) Réseau d'action communautaire (RAC) de la Haute-ville de Sudbury

Media Release

Uptown Sudbury CAN/RAC de la Haute-ville de Sudbury Presenting to City Council on November 10th in Next Step Toward Heritage Designation of 162 Mackenzie

2020-11-03

The Uptown Sudbury Community Action Network (CAN) is excited to return to City Council on November 10th to present our on-going work and commitment to the heritage designation of the exterior facade of 162 Mackenzie (former St-Louis de Gonzague école élémentaire).

We are pleased with the consultant's Heritage Cultural Evaluation Report which recommends designation as well as the city staffs report in supporting the designation. Conducting this evaluation was a necessary initial step in the process of official heritage designation in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act and Ontario Regulation 9/06.

We are looking forward to Council moving this process forward by approving a Notice of Intent to Designate under the Ontario Heritage Act for 162 Mackenzie Street and working with city staff, the Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel and the owner of the property, president and CEO of the Autumnwood Group Inc. Joe DiPietro, on draft designation by-laws.

The Uptown Sudbury CAN members remain committed to seeing this designation a reality.

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Uptown Sudbury Community Action Network (CAN) Réseau d'action communautaire (RAC) de la Haute-ville de Sudbury

Media Release

Uptown Sudbury CAN/RAC de la Haute-ville de Sudbury thanks City Council for Taking the First Step Toward Heritage Designation of 162 Mackenzie

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The Uptown Sudbury Community Action Network (CAN) recognizes and thanks the City of Greater Sudbury for taking the first step towards designation. On August 12th 2020, Council voted unanimously in favour of procuring a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report, prepared by a member of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals, of all sides of the exterior façade of the former Saint-Louis de Gonzague school at 162 MacKenzie Street, in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act and Ontario Regulation 9/06. The report will return to Council with findings and recommendations by the end of November.

The Uptown Sudbury CAN members remain committed to seeing this designation a reality.


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UN VESTIGE DU RÈGLEMENT XVII : LA PRÉSERVATION DE LA PLUS ANCIENNE ÉCOLE FRANCO-SUDBUROISE

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SUDBURY – Il y a longtemps qu'il n'y a plus de cours dans le bâtiment du 162, rue Mackenzie. Il y a de ça plus d'un siècle que la première école francophone de Sudbury, l'École Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague, a vu jour à cette adresse. Aujourd'hui, le Réseau d'action communautaire (RAC) de la Haute-Ville de Sudbury espère protéger cet édifice riche d'histoire.

Les plans de transformer l'immeuble en condo n'ont jamais abouti. En février 2019, le Sudbury Indie Cinema s'y est installé, mais la majorité du bâtiment demeure inutilisée.

Cependant, à la surprise de plusieurs, le bâtiment ne figure pas sur la liste des lieux patrimoniaux du Grand Sudbury. C'est précisément ce que le RAC souhaite changer.

« Nous avons lancé un sondage aux résidents du quartier », raconte Izabel Amaral, membre du RAC et professeure à l'École d'architecture McEwen. « On s'est rendu compte que la population s'intéresse à ce bâtiment et apprécie son histoire. Les résultats du sondage indiquent que la communauté souhaiterait le préserver, surtout sa façade extérieure et les deux entrées séparées pour les parents et les enfants qui se rendent à l'école. »

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L'École St-Louis-de-Gonzague a été construite en 1914.
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Le conseil municipal a adopté une motion hier soir pour faire évaluer comme édifice patrimonial l'ancienne école élémentaire de langue française St-Louis-de-Gonzague. L'édifice historique construit en 1914 avant l'adoption par la province du Règlement 17, est la plus vieille école toujours en place à Sudbury.

L'évaluation de l'édifice est la première étape du processus de désignation. Le rapport d'évaluation est attendu vers la fin novembre.

Izabelle Amaral, professeure à l'école d'architecture McEwen et membre du Réseau d'action



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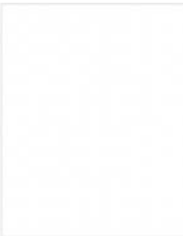
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Former Ecole St. Louis de Gonzague on MacKenzie Street in Sudbury, Nov. 4/20 (Ian Campbell/CTV Northern Ontario)

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A group in Sudbury is trying to have the building that was once St. Louis De Gonzague School on MacKenzie Street in Sudbury designated as a heritage building. Cortney St. Jean is the chair for the neighbour Community Action Network. She explained why it's important to try and preserve this building in particular.

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L'ancienne École Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague à Sudbury est menacée de destruction pour faire place à des projets de condos. Cette école, malgré qu'elle soit un symbole important de la résistance contre le règlement XVII, n'est pas protégé comme lieu patrimonial du Grand Sudbury. Le Réseau d'action communautaire de la haute ville de Sudbury souhaite protéger cet édifice en demandant à la ville de reconnaître le bâtiment de l'école comme un lieu patrimonial.

C'est pourquoi nous vous demandons, tout comme nous, de manifester votre appui à la préservation de ce joyau du patrimoine franco-ontarien en suivant deux démarches:

1. Écrire une lettre, à titre individuel ou au nom de votre organisme, de soutien et l'envoyer par courriel au Réseau d'action communautaire de la haute ville de Sudbury (info@uptownsudbury.ca). Nous vous offrons un modèle de lettre pour vous faciliter la tâche: https://mcusercontent.com/e2e24b26def1f791ce5ffdf14/files/62abdb40-1f3f-49de-a707-a8d7249e38b6/_Lettre_de_soutien_École_de_Sudbury.01.docx
2. Répondre au sondage de consultation de la Haute Ville Sudbury par rapport à cette école: <https://uptownsudbury.ca/Lou.../index.php/register/index...>



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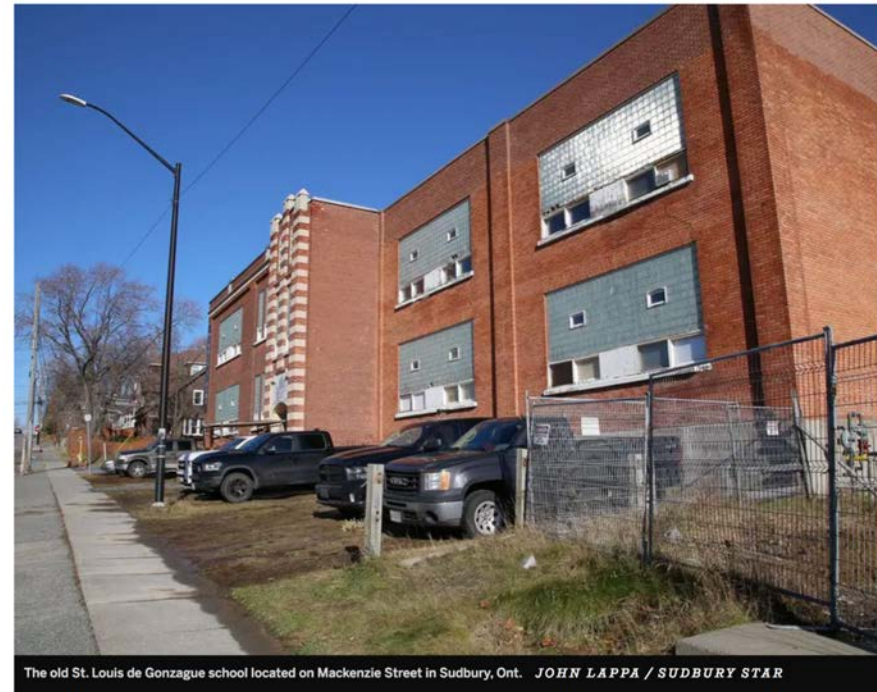
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Push on to save old Sudbury school

Advocates want Saint-Louis de Gonzague School on Mackenzie Street declared a heritage building

Jim Moodie
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The old St. Louis de Gonzague school located on Mackenzie Street in Sudbury, Ont. JOHN LAPPA / SUDBURY STAR



Community members have been pushing for the preservation of the old Saint-Louis de Gonzague School on Mackenzie Street and many of them will be on hand Tuesday when council considers a heritage designation for the building.



"It's a big deal," said Coun. Joscelyne Landry-Altmann, whose ward includes the historic French-Catholic school. "The Uptown CAN (Community Action Network) worked really hard on this — it's been a labour of love for them — and a consultant is also recommending it be

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- D'Youville Orphanage (38 Xavier) which was designated in 1982 and demolished in 2006
- St-Louis de Gonzague's sister school, St. Aloysius, built 1923 and demolished in 2017.

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During the 1880's, Sudbury was seeing a boom in the mining and logging industries. The boom resulted in more families coming to Sudbury and an increase in the number of students attending school. French families, unhappy with ethnic division, sought to create a Catholic Separate School. On April 9, 1888 the newly formed Catholic Separate School was officially recognized. Classes were originally held in a vacant house and eventually moved to the church. When the church burnt down school officials began looking for property upon which to build a new school. A lot of land behind the former church was purchased and a four-room school constructed. In January of 1895, the Brown School officially opened. 115 children attended Brown School, filling three of the four classrooms. Student enrollment continued to rise and by September of 1901 all four classrooms were being used. In 1905, continuing enrollment led to two of the classrooms being split in half. In 1909 the school board had to request the use of the parish's Jubilee Hall for overflow students. As a result the top floor of the hall was designated for two classrooms. Still the students continued to enroll and in 1910, two additional classrooms were created in the lower half of the Jubilee Hall. The school board now had a total of ten classrooms. On January 17, 1894 the school board passed a motion allowing children to receive schooling exclusively in their mother language. The motion caused an imbalance in classroom size as two thirds of the student population spoke French yet only half of the classrooms were for French speaking students. The result was that French-speaking students were losing their heritage as the English language began to prevail. In March of 1912 the school board purchased a plot of land from the CPR and construction began on a replacement twelve-room school. Central School as it was named, opened in January of 1915 and was christened by Bishop Scollard. By 1928 Central School became known as St. Louis de Gonzague, named after the Jesuit and saint. Within four years of opening, Central School was enrolled to its limit. Bishop Scollard recommended that new schools be built in each ward. Taxpayers were consulted and the approval was given for new schools. They included École Ste. Marie, St. Albert School, and École Nolin. In December of 1920, one of the school board trustees suggested that a second Central School be built for Anglophones so that they could create their own school system. The motion was highly controversial and was passed by one vote. English-speaking nuns were hired to teach the English students. The new Central School for English students was opened by September of 1923. It was named St. Aloysius and contained eight classrooms. The original French school, Brown, was sold by the Jesuit priests in 1927 and two years later began operating as the Orphelinat (D')Youville (D'Youville Orphanage). This building was demolished by the City of Sudbury. From 1930 to 1980, the French who wanted to continue their school had no school. Therefore, the Board of Sudbury High School has decided to offer a bilingual program in 1930. This program was offered at École St-

Why Act Now

Considering the deterioration of the building, the designation will be the first step towards its preservation.

The designation will be a decisive action from the City Council to match the strong community and institutional engagement.

It will make an exemplary case of historic preservation in Sudbury.

How We Hope this Story Will Continue

First, we are extremely thankful for the support of the City Council offered in August 2020 for the first step towards the designation of 162 Mackenzie, which lead to a professional Cultural Heritage Evaluation.

We want to express here the voice of our community members, and the many institutions that support this designation.

Considering that 162 MacKenzie Street meets five criteria for designation under O. Reg. 9/06., and as such, it is eligible for designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA), we ask the City Council to act now and support this designation.

As a community we are looking forward to find strategies to make the building come alive and participate in the community life.