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Mr. Jack Bates
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Dear *MR BATES,*

Thank-you for your letter dated 18 December 2014 where you propose that future Work Point buildings declared surplus and scheduled for demolition be re-evaluated by the Federal Heritage Board Review Office (FHBRO) prior to demolition taking place.

According to Treasury Board Policy, the Department of National Defence is required to submit a building of 40 years of age or older for evaluation by the FHBRO. When a building is submitted for evaluation, the review board reaches their decision, by consensus, based on three criterions: historical association, architecture, and environment. Once the heritage values have been determined, the board forwards the resulting recommendation to the Minister of Environment, who establishes the official designation of the building.

Only under very exceptional circumstances can the designation of a particular building be reversed or changed. Two examples would be if a major event occurred at the building since the original evaluation was done; or, if extensive new information, relating to the evaluation criteria, is found regarding the building. As there have not been any changes affecting the buildings, from the evaluation criteria perspective, DND is not in a position to request that FHBRO re-evaluate the buildings mentioned in your letter.

Thank-you for your continued interest in the heritage aspects of Work Point.

Yours truly,

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