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through the LACH Committee Secretary

**Re: Request for Demolition – 4402 Colonel Talbot Road**

Dear Councillors and Members of LACH,

The London Region Branch of Architectural Conservancy Ontario (ACO) wishes to state its views on the regarding the Lambeth Health Organization Inc. request to demolish the building at the site of 4402 Colonel Talbot Road, the former *M. B. McEachren Public School*, which was previously the *Lambeth Continuation School*.

This property is listed as a “priority 2” resource on the *Inventory of Heritage Resources*. The *Lambeth Continuation School* was built in 1925 at this site, and opened on September 21, 1925. It was designed by Herbert Carrol McBride in the “Beaux Arts” style, though it was identified incorrectly as “Collegiate Gothic” on the inventory. In 1965, it was renamed to honour Miss Margaret B. McEachren, “who devoted her life to the education of children, teaching in the area over 22 years” (Westminster Historical Society 1988, 12).

As this building meets criteria for designation, we encourage the conservation of this building based on the following:

- The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative, or an early example of a style, type, expression, material, or construction method, i.e. is the prominent representative example of “Beaux Arts” style in Lambeth, a style that reflects importance and permanence of education.
- The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization, or institution that is significant to the community (historical significance of educational institutions in Lambeth), yields information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture (an understanding of the growth and development of Lambeth), and demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer, or theorist who is significant to the community (represents H. C. McBride, architect).



- The property has contextual value because it is locally recognized as a landmark.

4402 Colonel Talbot Road is a significant built heritage resource and merits conservation and protection under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Thank you for considering our comments. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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**References:** Staff report to London Advisory Committee on Heritage, dated Wednesday, May 11, 2016