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Ministry of Transportation Ontario
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Kingston, ON
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To whom it may concern,

The Frontenac Heritage Foundation again urges the Ministry of Transportation to preserve the old ferry terminal on Ontario Street, near the current Slush Puppie Place, instead of demolishing this culturally-significant structure.

This iconic building was designed by well-known local architect Lily Inglis, who helped launch Kingston's heritage preservation movement, and championed the restoration and preservation of many historic buildings in the area. Her work includes the creative reuse and renovation of beloved local landmarks such as Chez Piggy, the Kingston Public Library, and the Kingston Brew Pub.



The building has ample space for interior renovation and could be adapted in place to support tourism, arts, culture, and community use. Its location is at a natural community crossroads—near the event and sports arena, the Royal Military College, the downtown core, and the city’s vibrant waterfront and cultural district. The following uses or mix of uses would be a natural fit for this location on the waterfront.

- a youth hostel or other visitor accommodation;
- a pub, restaurant, or indoor market;
- community office space or meeting rooms;
- a small theatre or performance venue; or
- an artists’ hub or cultural workspace.

Preserving and adaptively reusing this building would honour the legacy of a significant local architect while creating a welcoming public destination near the Wolfe Island ferry and downtown Kingston. We respectfully ask the Ministry to pause any demolition plans and work with the City of Kingston, heritage advocates, and community partners to explore practical reuse options for this important waterfront landmark.

Sincerely,

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