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File numbers: 307, 308 and 309

Barbara Murray  
Beach Canal Lighthouse Group  
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Dear Ms. Murray:

I am writing further to your petitions requesting the Burlington Canal Main, North Pier Inner, and South Pier Outer lighthouses be considered for designation under the *Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act*.

The Government of Canada has made significant progress to protect and conserve Canada's lighthouse heritage through the Heritage Lighthouse Program. To date, 74 heritage lighthouses have been designated, including 42 that will continue to be owned by the federal government and 32 lighthouses that are surplus to federal requirements and will be managed by new owners for the future.

The Burlington Canal Main and South Pier Outer lighthouses are among those lighthouses that are surplus to federal requirements. You will recall that a surplus lighthouse can be designated as a heritage lighthouse if a person or body commits to buy or otherwise acquire the lighthouse and protect its heritage character. These commitments are negotiated with Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The Minister is unable to designate the Burlington Canal Main and South Pier Outer lighthouses as heritage lighthouses at this time because commitments to acquire and protect the lighthouses have yet to be concluded. However, please note that the lighthouses can still be designated in the future once Fisheries and Oceans Canada has successfully negotiated sale or transfer agreements for the lighthouses with a third party. The Government of Canada will continue to facilitate the designation of as many heritage lighthouses as possible and ensure the protection of their heritage character for the benefit and enjoyment of generations to come.

The Burlington Canal North Pier Inner lighthouse is a replacement tower that was built less than 35 years ago. Although there is much to admire and a good deal to recognize about the history and community value of the site of the Burlington Canal lighthouses, the North Pier Inner lighthouse does not yet meet the minimum age requirement stipulated in the established criteria and, as such, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada could not recommend it for designation at this time. However, please note that the lighthouse can still be designated in the future once it meets the minimum age requirement of 35 years and the other established criteria. The Government of Canada will continue to facilitate the designation of as many heritage lighthouses as possible and ensure the protection of their heritage character for the benefit and enjoyment of generations to come.

For more information on the *Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act*, I invite you to consult the program website at <http://www.pc.gc.ca/progs/lhn-nhs/pp-hl/index.aspx>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at [hsmbc-clmhc@pc.gc.ca](mailto:hsmbc-clmhc@pc.gc.ca), by telephone at 1-855-283-8730, or by letter. Letters can be mailed to:

Heritage Designations and Programs Branch  
Parks Canada  
30 Victoria Street (PC-03-M)  
Gatineau, QC J8X 0B3

Thank you again for your interest in protecting and conserving Canada's lighthouses.

Sincerely,



Julie Dompierre  
Director, Heritage Designations and Programs  
Parks Canada

Parks Canada (PC) *Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act (HLPA)* File #s

<u>Name of Lighthouse</u>	<u>DRFP #</u>	<u>PC #</u>	
<b>Burlington Canal Main (ON)</b>	54118	307	heritage (1858)
<b>Burlington Canal North Pier Inner (ON)</b>	85626	308	modern
<b>Burlington Canal South Pier Outer (ON)</b>	83951	309	heritage (1921?)