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REPORT:

Council has recently received advice from the Hawkesbury Branch of the National Trust that it is intending to prepare a submission to nominate Thompson Square to the 2018 World Monuments Watch. The advice is also requesting that Council provide support to this nomination which closes on 1 March 2017.

The World Monuments Fund's website provides the following background to the program:

"The World Monuments Watch is World Monuments Fund's (WMF) flagship advocacy program. Launched every two years, the nomination-based program consists of a selective list of cultural heritage sites around the world that are at risk from the forces of nature or the impact of social, political, and economic change. For many heritage places, inclusion on the Watch provides an opportunity to attract visibility, raise public awareness, foster local engagement in their protection, leverage new resources for conservation, advance innovation, and demonstrate effective solutions.

Inclusion on the Watch does not guarantee funding from WMF. However, many sites have been able to use the attention drawn from the Watch to promote their cause and raise funds.

The Watch is not a permanent designation, nor does inclusion on the Watch reflect poor management or stewardship of a site. By featuring new sites every two years, the Watch focuses attention on a wide range of conservation challenges and opportunities around the globe.

The Watch seeks to promote heritage stewardship through three areas of activity:

Advocacy and Outreach

World Monuments Fund works to raise international awareness through news outlets, social media, its website, and by coordinating with nominators to support your local advocacy efforts. Through these means, the Watch seeks to help accomplish policy changes, encourage stakeholder cooperation, and foster a balance between development and preservation.

Community Engagement

World Monuments Fund aims to reconnect people and places and encourage local stewardship through "Watch Day", an opportunity for communities to celebrate the importance of Watch sites and build support for heritage conservation. In the 2018 World Monuments Watch cycle, WMF will make available \$2,500 to each site in support of Watch Day activities.

Project Collaboration and Support

The attention drawn to the selected sites can provide a tool that you can use to leverage project support from a variety of sources."

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provide written support to the Hawkesbury Branch of the National Trust for its nomination of Thompson Square to be placed on the World Monuments Watch.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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