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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND 55 KING STREET WEST CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Toronto Dominion Centre Cadillac Fairview Corp. Ltd. 20 Queen Street West, 5th Floor Toronto, Ontario M5H 3R4 Ontario Heritage Foundation 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 55 King Street West (Toronto Dominion Centre) (Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

The property at 55 King Street West is recommended for designation for its cultural heritage value or interest. The renowned architect, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe designed the complex, with the Toronto architectural firms of John B. Parkin Associates and Bregman and Hamann as the associate architects. Located on a granite-clad plaza at the southwest corner of King Street West and Bay Street, the core elements of the Toronto-Dominion Centre are the 56-storey Toronto-Dominion Bank Tower (1967), the single-storey Banking Pavilion (1968) and 46-storey Royal Trust Tower (1969).

The Toronto-Dominion Centre is an outstanding example of the International Style of architecture. The heritage/architectural attributes are found on the exterior of the Toronto-Dominion Bank Tower, the Banking Pavilion and the Royal Trust Tower, and on the interior of the Toronto-Dominion Bank Tower and the Banking Pavilion. The architectural features of note on the exterior of the three buildings are the concrete foundations, the load-bearing black-painted steel frames, the bronze-tinted glass curtain walls with mullions and a grid of exposed and painted steel I-beams, the revolving doors at the bases and, on the towers, the pilotis. The interior finishes (granite, marble, travertine, and oak) and custom-built fittings in the Banking Pavilion, in the lobbies of the Toronto-Dominion Bank Tower and the Royal Trust Tower, are significant interior heritage features.



The Toronto-Dominion Centre is architecturally significant as a landmark of the Modern Movement in Canada that set the standard for the urban development of Toronto.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Frances Pritchard, Administrator, Toronto East York Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 4th Floor, West Tower, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 30th of April, 2003. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 30th day of April, 2003.

Ulli S. Watkiss

City Clerk

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