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July 30, 2010

*Owen Sound*



City of Owen Sound  
c/o City Clerk  
808 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East  
OWEN SOUND ON N4K 2H4

Dear City Clerk:

**Re: Heritage Designation – Former CPR Station, 1198 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East, Owen Sound**

City Council at its meeting held on June 7, 2010, considered a report from the Heritage Coordinator regarding the heritage designation of the CP Rail Station located at 1198 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East and adopted the following resolution:

**“THAT in consideration of a report dated May 31, 2010 from the Heritage Coordinator, City Council, hereby proceeds with a ‘Notice of Intention to Designate for the Canadian Pacific Rail Station as outlined in Appendix ‘A’ – Reasons for Designation of the report dated May 31, 2010, as a statement of cultural heritage value or interest.”**

Please accept this letter and the attached report noted above as your Notice of Intention to Designate the Canadian Pacific Rail Station located at 1198 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, may be filed with the Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound before August 30, 2010.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Sandra Parks, Heritage Coordinator at 519-376-4440 extension 1275.

Yours truly,

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Lois K. O'Neill, M.P.A.  
Deputy City Clerk

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c: S. Parks, Heritage Coordinator  
Ontario Heritage Trust

Encl.



## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

### ***Description of the Property – Former Canadian Pacific Railway Station, 1198 First Avenue East***

The Former Canadian Pacific Railway Station is located at 1198 First Avenue East, on the west side of the street, bounded by 11<sup>th</sup> Street East to the south and 12<sup>th</sup> Street East to the north, in the City of Owen Sound.

### ***Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest***

The Former Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) Station in Owen Sound was designated federally under the *Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act* in 1995. The character of the property, the exterior of the building, and select interior features are protected by an Ontario Heritage Trust conservation easement.

The Owen Sound CPR Station has historic or associative value because it reflects post-World War II railway development which demonstrates efforts made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to upgrade and modernize a small number of strategically placed stations across Ontario. In 1884 the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway opened a railway line to provide western grain shippers with easy access to ocean ports. Owen Sound was a crucial provincial transportation point, providing a key link between the CPR's Great Lakes rail and water shipping enterprises. The Owen Sound Station was constructed as part of the CPR's modernization program which began after World War II. The Owen Sound CPR Station was one of four stations built as part of this modernization program's pilot project to test for public approval. It is the only CPR station from this era to remain intact. The new stations were designed by CPR engineers to adapt all space to the most economical use, and to implement modern structural improvements and new building materials. This station displays a spirit of post-war ideals and stands out among its contemporaries for the integrity of its design and the success with which modern architectural principles were applied. CPR stations constructed and modified throughout the 1950s and 1960s, particularly throughout Ontario's north, followed the modern aesthetic put forth in this pilot project.

Architecturally, the Owen Sound CPR Station is an excellent example of post-World War II Modern architecture. It is one of the earliest examples of Modern architecture in Ontario. In the composition of its massing, as well as in its materials

and details both inside and out, the influences of the European International Style have been combined to represent what Ontario historian Ron Brown has called "a radical departure in railway station design". At the same time, traditional Ontario railway station elements continue to be present in this new interpretation of a 100-year-old form.

The property has contextual value because the station reflects the long-standing importance of the CPR to the development of Owen Sound, first seen in the company's combined railway and shipping facilities constructed there in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### ***Description of Heritage Attributes***

Key exterior attributes that embody the design or physical value of the Former Canadian Pacific Railroad (CPR) Station include its:

- Modern and streamlined design characterized by the Station's massing and roofline
- Two single-story rectangular masses set end to end creating a long, rectangular footprint
- Strong linear proportions, punctuated by an elongated limestone-clad pylon tower at the north end of the Station
- Flat roof
- Dominant lines oriented horizontally and repeated in the base, lintels, fenestration groupings, strong canopy line and the coping of the flat roofs
- Mottled rug brick walls accented by an Indiana limestone base and limestone pylon tower
- Wood windows with horizontal muntins and narrow transoms
- Window grouping in a linear fashion
- Rectangular windows set in a row of three to six openings with brick piers in between
- Two large picture windows
- Circular nautical style windows
- Window that wraps around the southeast corner
- Flat canopy with its rounded corners and recessed lighting
- Slender steel columns supporting canopy

Key interior areas and attributes that embody the design or physical value of the Former Canadian Pacific Railroad (CPR) Station include its:

#### Waiting Rooms:

- Horizontal, stained birch paneling
- Stamped aluminum luminaires (i.e., fixtures) for fluorescent lighting
- Sleek red quarry floor tile and tile wall base
- Concrete floors
- Square cellulose acoustic ceiling tiles
- Wall mirrors
- Doors and door surrounds
- Ticket wickets on south wall

- Birch-paneled telephone booth with period bi-fold doors

Men's Washroom:

- Freestanding porcelain sinks
- Wall and floor tiles
- Wall mirrors

Ante Room to North Washroom

- Horizontal, stained birch paneling
- Acoustic ceiling tiles

Ticket/Station Master's Office

- Aluminum luminaires for fluorescent strip lighting
- Ticket wicket with above-counter glass block walls, framed drop window, steel grill, fixtured cupboards, compartments and under-counter drawer
- Ticket counter along east wall with below-counter cupboards and drawers
- Square cellulose acoustic ceiling tiles

Key attributes that express the contextual value of the Former Canadian Pacific Railroad (CPR) Station include its:

- Location on the Harbour, representing the CPR's historical connection to Georgian Bay
- Location on a triangular parcel of land between River and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Community Services Department, Planning Division.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, may be filed with the Clerk of the City of Owen Sound before August 30, 2010.

Dated at the City of Owen Sound this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010.

Lois K. O'Neill, M.P.A., Deputy City Clerk  
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July 30, 2010

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Dear City Clerk:

**Re: Heritage Designation – Queen’s Park, 815 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West, Owen Sound**

City Council at its meeting held on March 29, 2010, adopted the minutes of the Community Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on March 4, 2010 which contained the following motion:

**“THAT the Community Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Council proceed with *Notice of Intention to Designate* Queen’s Park, specifically the Cenotaph being the heritage attribute on that property municipally known as 815 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West, based on information contained in Appendix ‘D’ of the ‘Heritage Designation of the Cenotaph’ report dated March 2, 2010 from the Heritage Coordinator, and attached hereto as a statement of cultural heritage value or interest.”**

Please accept this letter and attachment as your Notice of Intention to Designate Queen’s Park located at 815 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, may be filed with the Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound before August 30, 2010.

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