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# Town of East Gwillimbury

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Erin Semande  
Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear E. Semande:

**Re: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REPEAL A DESIGNATION  
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE  
Metropolitan Railway Company  
Queensville Radial Line Station  
86 Beechborough Crescent  
Town of East Gwillimbury  
Regional Municipality of York**

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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of East Gwillimbury intend to designate the above noted property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29. The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value/Description of Heritage Attributes is as follows:

Reason for Notice

The Queensville Radial Line Station originally situated at 1701 Queensville Sideroad has been relocated to 86 Beechborough Crescent in the Town of East Gwillimbury, Regional Municipality of York. In order to transfer the Heritage Designation of the former Radial Line Station, designation By-law 2011-110 requires to be repealed, and a new Heritage Designation By-law requires to be enacted. Please be advised that the Radial Line Station was moved from its previous address to the above noted address. The previous address of the Radial Line Station is as follows:

Metropolitan Railway Company  
Queensville Radial Line Station  
1701 QUEENSVILLE SIDEROAD  
PART OF LOT 61, PLAN 402, PT PART 6, RP 65R-14629  
Town of East Gwillimbury  
Regional Municipality of York

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### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value/Description of Heritage Attributes

**Historical or Associative Value** - The Queensville Radial Line Station, consisting of a platform station and waiting room, was built in 1908 and served the community until 1930. When constructed, it was a 2 ½ storey building with the station and waiting room on the lower level and living area for the station master on the upper level. The building was renovated between 1930 and 1938. It was removed from its foundation, transported across the road, placed on a new cement foundation and converted into a residential dwelling.

The Queensville Radial Station has historical value through its association with the Toronto York Radial Railway Company, Metropolitan Division from 1908 to 1931. In March 1931 the Newmarket to Sutton section of the radial line closed.

**Architectural Value** - The Description of Heritage Attributes include the following, and apply only to the exterior of the station building which is considered to hold cultural heritage value or interest.. The structure's current form, massing, and architectural detailing corresponds to its original function as a railway station and is a good example of early 20th century station design. Its use and retention of a veranda with exposed rafters and stacked bay window expresses railway station design approaches that were in favour during the late 19th century and early 20th century which sought to combine architectural detailing and affordability. The wrap-around veranda, supported by exposed rafters, is an original design feature and one that clearly commemorates its former railway station use .A stacked bay window is reminiscent of an original design feature.

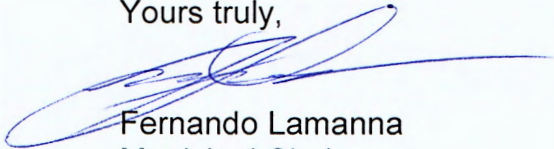
**Contextual Value** - The Metropolitan Radial Railway Station has contextual value as physical evidence of the economically important and popular Metropolitan radial line The Toronto and York Radial Railway's (TY&R) extension of its line from Newmarket to Sutton led to the construction of a station and waiting room at Queensville.

Construction of the 2 ½ storey structure at Queensville in 1908, which housed both a waiting room and station master's living quarters, represented a somewhat new approach to station design in the area and among railway station development more generally. Today, the Queensville Station is one of two remaining stations built by the TY&R Company. The Queensville Station is an important artifact that contributes to the understanding of the history of the Toronto and York Radial Line, as well as the past importance of radial railways to the regional economy.

Detailed reasons and further information respecting the proposed changes to the designation of the Radial Line Station can be obtained by contacting Kevin Jarus, Planner, at 905-478-4282, ext. 3860 or at [kjarus@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:kjarus@eastgwillimbury.ca).

Any person may, before the 25th day of September, 2016, send by registered mail or deliver to the Municipal Clerk, Notice of Objection to the proposed changes to the designation of the Radial Line Station, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fernando Lamanna', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Fernando Lamanna  
Municipal Clerk

Enclosure: By-law 2011-110