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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1980 CHAPTER 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION OF
THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 2 STRACHAN
AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF TORONTO, IN THE PROVINCE
OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Walter J. Lotto
Metropolitan Clerk
Clerk's Department
Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto
2nd Floor, West Tower
City Hall
Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 28th day of January and the 1st day of February, 1985 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 2 Strachan Avenue (Exhibition Place: Railways Building, now Music Building) as a property of architectural value or interest, under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The Music Building in Exhibition Place is recommended for designation for architectural reasons. Built in 1908 as the Railways Building, it is one of several important Exhibition buildings designed by Architect, G.W. Gouinlock, in the Beaux Arts style. Three domed lanterns covering the unusual three-part structure provide natural light to the interior spaces and give a distinctive and festive form to the exterior. With its prominent domes and classical detailing, the building is a focal point at the junction of Quebec Street and Manitoba Drive. The Music Building (1908), along with the Press Building (1905) and the Horticulture Building (1907), are the earliest Exhibition buildings still remaining, and with the Arts and Crafts Building (c.1912) and the Fire Hall (c.1912) form an irreplaceable related grouping of pre-World War I Exhibition structures all designed by Gouinlock.

Notice of the Objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of the 19th day of February, 1985.

Dated at Toronto this 19th day of February, 1985.


Roy V. Henderson
City Clerk