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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337 AND
7 CRESCENT ROAD
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Toronto Transit Commission
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Toronto, Ontario
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Toronto Transit Commission
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Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 17th day of April, 1990 decided to designate the lands and buildings known as 7 Crescent Road.

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The property at 7 Crescent Road is recommended for designation for architectural reasons. The Rosedale Subway Station is an important part of the Yonge Street Subway, Canada's first subway line which opened in 1954 and ran from Union Station to Eglinton Avenue. One of the 12 stations built on the line, the Rosedale Subway Station is the only intact freestanding original station constructed in an open setting.

The Rosedale Subway Station was originally designed in 1947 and completed in 1953-54. The materials and architectural form of the station had the special attention of the prominent Canadian architect, John B. Parkin, in his capacity as design consultant to the Toronto Transportation (Transit) Commission. The single-storey pavilion reflects the simplicity of 1950s Modernism. The steel post-and-beam structure, clad in red brick with large areas of glazing, extends over the bus platforms. The rounded glazed entry with its wraparound name band provides a focal point. The interior configuration is preserved, although the turnstiles and wall finishes have been updated.

The station, built across the open cut, is visible from all sides. The building was designed to be low and unobtrusive as befits its park-like surroundings. The bus platform areas and paved accesses are softened by landscaping and plantings.


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The Rosedale Subway Station is a unique structure in Toronto, and a significant example of the Modern architecture of the period. The architectural integrity of the building is well-preserved in a park-like setting.

The complete description and Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Department at City Hall and the offices of the Toronto Historical Board.

Notice of the objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of the 22nd day of May, 1990.

Dated at Toronto this 22nd day of May, 1990.


Barbara G. Caplan
City Clerk