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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND
20 SALVATION SQUARE
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: CF/TEC Holdings Inc.
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250 Yonge St.
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10 Adelaide Street East
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Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 14th day of July, 1997 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 20 Salvation Square (Salvation Army Headquarters Building).

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The property at 20 Salvation Square is designated for architectural and historical reasons. The building was constructed in 1955-1956 as the new Headquarters Building for the Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda, an international Christian religious body introduced to Canada in 1882. Designed by the Toronto architectural firm of John B. Parkin Associates, the building contained a 1000-seat assembly hall and smaller meeting rooms at street level, with offices and staff facilities in the tower above.

The Salvation Army Headquarters Building is an early example in Toronto of the International Style, identified by monochromatic surfaces, solid wall mass mixed with smaller voids, projecting and receding elements, and lack of historical detailing. Constructed of steel and concrete, the building is clad with sections of glazing mixed with expanses of white glazed brick. The regularly shaped plan has a three-storey horizontal rectangular base topped by a single-storey glazed transitional level from which a six-storey vertical rectangular tower rises at the south end. Attention is focused on the principal (south) and west facades. The east wall is now abutted by the neighbouring Eaton Centre.

The base of the building has ground-floor perimeter columns, with full-height vertical glass panels

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in steel mullions at the southwest corner, and pedestrian entrances on each of the south and west walls. The ramp to the below-grade parking garage on the south wall and horizontal strip windows with floating transoms in the second and third stories are features of the south wall. The west wall displays tiny rectangular windows and a narrow strip window. The fourth storey is a fully-glazed transitional level from the base to the tower where a continuous bank of glass and aluminum panels set in steel mullions extends along the south, west and part of the north walls, interspersed by piers on the south and part of the west wall. The flat-roofed tower with a penthouse has tripartite window openings with projecting sunshades on the south wall, vertical window openings in the west wall, and regular fenestration on the north wall.

The property at 20 Salvation Square is historically significant for its long-term association with the Salvation Army, which occupied the site for nearly a century. Through its placement in context with Old City Hall and the Bell Canada Building, the Salvation Army Headquarters Building defines the historical orientation of Albert Street, which originally extended east to Yonge Street. It is one of a select group of extant buildings in the city designed by the important Toronto architectural firm, John B. Parkin Associates. An unusual example of mixed use planning in the post-World War II period, combining religious uses with office and parking components, the Salvation Army Headquarters Building is significant as the first high-rise tower in Toronto designed in the manner of European Modernism.

Heritage Toronto's Heritage Property Report (Long Statement of Reasons for Designation) respecting the property is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Department at City Hall and the offices of Heritage Toronto.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, Second Floor, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 31st day of July, 1997, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 31st day of July, 1997.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sydney K. Baxter', written in a cursive style.

Sydney K. Baxter
City Clerk