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January 26, 2001

Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation Heritage Properties and Museums Programs Unit 77 Bloor Street West Toronto, ON M7A 2R9 Attention: John Ota Planning & Development Division Civic Centre

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MINISTRY OF CITIZENSHIP, CULTURE AND RECREATION



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Dear Sir:

Re: Proposed designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

Please find enclosed notice respecting Council's proposed designation of land and premises at 140 Fourth Street West, Fort Frances. The required notice is being published in the January 31st edition of the Fort Frances Times.

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FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO

CANADA

Yours very truly,

MINISTRATION & FINANCE DIVISION

W. Treftin, Clerk Henn gwt Encl.

cc: Fort Frances Volunteer Bureau, Attention: Joan Pearson (encl.) T. Berry, Municipal Planner, Secretary to the LACAC (Planning Advisory Committee)(encl.)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

140 FOURTH STREET WEST, FORT FRANCES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation 77 Bloor Street West Toronto, ON M7A 2R9

we were

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances intends to designate the property including land and building at the following municipal address as a property of historic value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18

Municipal Address 140 Fourth Street West, Fort Frances

Reasons for Proposed Designation

The former Fort Frances Railway Station is proposed for designation because of its historical associations, its very good architectural design and its conspicuous identity within the region. Its heritage value resides in its form, massing, fenestration, materials, interior layout and site relationships.

This structure, built during the growth of various railway systems prior to World War 1, reflects that era of investment, growth and optimism. Growth as a result of Fort Frances' connection to the United States railway lines in Minnesota and Fort Frances emerging as a major international customs and immigration point instigated the construction of this station, adjacent to the original; 1902 station. The diversity of new industries supported by the line's communications and transportation links and growth in the town's population resulted in a stable economy for Fort Frances.

The Fort Frances station is a very good example of Canadian railway station design as practised in the early 20th century. The simple form, materials and fenestration result in a handsome station that has survived with considerable integrity. While many of the ancillary structures have been removed and the once extensive yards have been reduced, the station maintains considerable landmark status in the community.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Frances before the 3rd day of March, 2001.

Dated at Fort Frances this 26th day of January, 2001

Clerk