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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
10 AND 10A DAWES ROAD**

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Ontario Heritage Trust

NOTICE OF PASSING OF DESIGNATION BY-LAW 290-2022

Ontario Heritage Trust
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TAKE NOTICE that Council for the City of Toronto passed Designation By-law 290-2022 on April 6 and 7, 2022, which designates the lands, buildings and structures known municipally as 10 and 10A Dawes Road under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

This notice is being served to the Owner of the Property, the Ontario Heritage Trust, and any Objectors and Interested Persons.

The City Clerk received an objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate the Property and City Council considered the objection in making its decision at its meeting on April 6 and 7, 2022. Refer to Item PH32.10.

IF YOU WISH TO APPEAL TO THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL:

Take notice that an appeal of the Designation by-law for the Property by those persons permitted to appeal under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act may be made by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk, Attention: Administrator, Secretariat, City Clerk's Office, Toronto City Hall, 2nd Floor West, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2; Email: hertpb@toronto.ca within thirty days of April 28, 2022, which is May 30, 2022.

A Notice of Appeal must:

- (1) set out the reasons for the objection to the designation by-law; and
- (2) set out the reasons in support of the objection to the designation by-law.

If you wish to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), forms are available from the Ontario Land Tribunal website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca>.

Who Can File An Appeal:

Any persons who object to the designation by-law may refer the matter to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Getting Additional Information:

A copy of the by-law and background information about the application is available for public inspection by contacting Heritage Planning staff at heritageplanning@toronto.ca.

Further information in respect of the Designation By-law is available from the City of Toronto at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2022.PH32.10>

Dated at the City of Toronto on April 28, 2022.



John D. Elvidge
City Clerk



Authority: Planning and Housing Committee Council
Item PH32.10, as adopted by City of Toronto Council
on April 6 and 7, 2022

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW 290-2022

To designate the property at 10 and 10A Dawes Road as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

Whereas the Ontario Heritage Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact By-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 10 and 10A Dawes Road as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas the Council of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as 10 and 10A Dawes Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property, and has caused the Notice of Intention to be posted on the City's website for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, § 162-4.1. Notice requirements under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

Whereas a notice of objection was served upon the Clerk of the municipality within the prescribed time under the Ontario Heritage Act and was considered by City Council; and

Whereas the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule A to this By-law;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. The property at 10 and 10A Dawes Road more particularly described in Schedule B attached to this By-law, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The City Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule B to this By-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owners of the property 10 and 10A Dawes Road at and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this By-law to be posted on the City's website for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, § 162-4.1. Notice requirements under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Enacted and passed on April 7, 2022

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

SCHEDULE A

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Reasons for Designation

The properties at 10 and 10A Dawes Road (including an active entrance at 10B Dawes Road) are worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for their cultural heritage value, and meet Ontario Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under the criteria of design and physical, historical and associative, and contextual values.

Description

The properties at 10 and 10A Dawes Road are located on the west side of Dawes Road at the southern termination of the road, south of Danforth Avenue and north of the railway corridor. They were formerly a single property spanning three lots at 10 Dawes Road but were severed to become 10 and 10A Dawes Road in 1964. Historically, the area at the corner of Danforth Avenue and Dawes Road was the location of several historic settlements with inns, hotels, and stores, including the village of Dawes' Corners in 1850, followed by Smith's Corner in the 1860s, Little York and Coleman's Corner in the 1880s, and the Town of East Toronto in 1903.

10A Dawes Road, the earlier of the two structures, is comprised of a two-and-a-half-storey brick building fronting Dawes Road with a one-storey attached brick building at the rear. The property was constructed in c.1895 and originally functioned as a grist and flour mill with the one-storey attached building at the rear housing the steam mechanism that powered the mill. It was likely originally occupied by the East Toronto Milling Company. 10 Dawes Road, which was constructed in 1905 to the south of 10A Dawes Road, is comprised of a three-storey building fronting Dawes Road. It is concrete and stucco at grade level with the upper-storeys and headspace clad in corrugated metal. At the rear is a one-storey concrete block addition and a one-storey metal clad addition. This property originally housed the grain elevator. The Chalmers Milling Company owned and operated out of 10 and 10A Dawes Road from 1905 until the properties were sold to the Elizabeth Flour & Seed Milling Co. in 1952. The company continued to occupy the properties until 10A and 10 Dawes Road for 29-years until they were sold and adaptively reused in 1981 and 2007 respectively. More recently, the Silver Mill Gallery, which offered programs for Toronto's emerging digital artists, occupied the space at 10 Dawes Road.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Design and Physical Value

The property at 10A Dawes Road is valued as a rare surviving example of the grist and flour mill building type in the historic village of Little York and the Town of East Toronto. It was purpose-built to process grain and is comprised of a two-and-a-half-storey box-form brick building with a one-storey box-form northern brick building at the rear that housed the steam mechanism that powered the mill. After the grain elevator was constructed to the south abutting 10A Dawes Road, connections would have been created between the buildings to have allowed

the sorted grain to be delivered from the grain elevator at 10 Dawes Road to the mill at 10A Dawes road to be milled.

At the exterior, where various alterations have been made to door and window openings, original segmental-arches are present throughout the side (north), principal (east), and rear (west) elevations of the two-and-a-half-storey structure fronting Dawes Road, as well as in the rear (west) one-storey brick structure. Additional ornamentation is present in the principal (east) elevation of the building fronting Dawes Road in the parapet, which contains stepped corbelling and an inlaid rectangular panel. A simplified version of this parapet ornamentation can be seen side (north) elevation of the one-storey building at the rear.

The property at 10 Dawes Road is valued as a rare surviving example of the grain elevator building type in the historic village of Little York and the Town of East Toronto. It is also valued as a rare surviving example of a grain elevator built in a wooden-crib form, a construction style that was replaced during the 1920s by concrete grain terminals and later, by steel. The three-storey box-form structure was purpose-built to raise grain from a pit below the basement at the southeast corner and then elevate it through the building into nine storage silos where it could be kept before being milled in the neighbouring structure at 10A Dawes Road. The ground floor of the interior of the building contains timber support columns with capitals ornamented with a stepped reverse-ziggurat pattern that ascend in size. Also still extant at the interior is the wheel and rubber conveyor belt housed in the headhouse, which sits one-storey above the flat roof, and the nine wooden-cribbed grain silos.

Historical and Associative Value

The properties at both 10 and 10A Dawes Road are valued for their association with the theme of the railway and the subsequent activity of milling, which were significant in the development of the village of Little York during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. The opening of Grand Trunk Railway's (GTR) freight yard and roundhouse to the south of the subject properties and the relocation of York Station to Dawes Road, significantly contributed to the early wave of residential subdivision and industrialization of the area. It made the area appealing for the construction of a mill because of its close proximity to the railway. Directly from the railway cars, grain would travel into the subject properties – first into 10A Dawes Road and later into 10 Dawes Road once it was constructed – where it would be stored until it was ready to be milled next door.

The subject properties have value for their ability to yield information that contributes to our understanding of the development of various historic settlements near the GTR tracks at the corner of Danforth Avenue and Dawes Road from the mid-nineteenth to early-twentieth centuries. First the location of Dawes' Corners in 1850, followed by Smith's Corner in 1870, and Little York and Coleman's Corner from the 1880s until the annexation of Little York to the Town of East Toronto in 1903, the corner was a popular location for the construction of local inns and stores for several decades.

Contextual Value

The subject properties at 10 and 10A Dawes Road are physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to their surroundings at the southern termination of Dawes Road, which was strategically selected as the location for a mill and grain elevator because of their proximity to the GTR rail corridor. The relationship of the properties to their setting is demonstrated by the placement, setback and orientation of the mill building and grain elevator on the west side of Dawes Road south of Danforth Avenue, where there was historically a railway spur by 1924 that rose to the south edge of the grain elevator building.

Heritage Attributes

Design and Physical Value

Attributes that contribute to the value of the property at 10A Dawes Road as being a rare surviving example of the grist and flour mill building type in the historic village of Little York and the Town of East Toronto:

- The two-and-a-half-storey scale, box-form and massing of the building
- The one-storey scale, box-form and massing of the rear building that housed the steam mechanism
- The materials, with the brick cladding
- The segmental-arches throughout the side (north), principal (east), and rear (west) elevations of the building fronting Dawes Road, and the rear (west) elevation of the rear building
- In the principal (east) elevation of the building fronting Dawes Road, the parapet with stepped corbelling and an inlaid rectangular panel
- In the side (north) elevation of the rear building, the parapet with stepped corbelling

Attributes that contribute to the value of the property at 10 Dawes Road as being a rare surviving example of the grain elevator building type in the historic village of Little York and the Town of East Toronto and a rare surviving example of a grain elevator built in a wooden-crib form:

- The three-storey scale, box form and massing of the building
- The headspace that sits one-storey above the flat roof
- The materials, with a concrete base and corrugated metal siding in the upper floors and the headspace
- At the interior, the timber support columns with capitals containing stepped reverse-ziggurat ornamentation that ascend in size
- At the interior, the nine wooden-cribbed grain silos and the wheel and rubber conveyor belt that is housed in the headhouse

Contextual Value

Attributes that contribute to the properties at 10 and 10A Dawes Road as being physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to their surroundings at the southern termination of Dawes Road near the historical placement of the railway spur:

- The placement, setback and orientation of the mill building at 10A Dawes Road and the grain elevator at 10 Dawes Road on the west side of Dawes Road, south of Danforth Avenue, near the railway corridor

SCHEDULE B
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN 21013-0184

LOT 16, PART OF LOT 15, REGISTERED PLAN 666, AS IN CT911346

City of Toronto and Province of Ontario

Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)

PIN 21013-0185

LOT 14, PART LOT 15, REGISTERED PLAN 666, AS IN CT979801

City of Toronto and Province of Ontario

Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)