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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337 AND
1 KING STREET WEST, CITY OF TORONTO
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

To: The Toronto-Dominion Bank
Corporate Real Estate Operations
Toronto-Dominion Centre
Station P.O. Box 1
Toronto, Ontario
M5K 1A2

✓ Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto has passed By-law No. 278-90 to designate the above-mentioned property to be of architectural and historical value or interest.

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



Barbara G. Caplan
City Clerk

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No. 278-90. A BY-LAW

To designate the property at 1 King Street West (The Dominion Bank Building) of architectural and historical value or interest.

(Passed May 7, 1990.)

Whereas by Clause 13 of Neighbourhoods Committee Report No. 6 adopted by Council at its meeting held on May 7, 1990, authority was granted to designate the property at 1 King Street West (The Dominion Bank Building) of architectural value or interest; and

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

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as 1 King Street West (The Dominion Bank Building) and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

Whereas the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" hereto; and

Whereas no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the clerk of the municipality;

Therefore the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property more particularly described and shown on Schedules "A" and "C" hereto, known as 1 King Street (The Dominion Bank Building).
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Toronto.

ARTHUR C. EGGLETON,
Mayor.

BARBARA G. CAPLAN
City Clerk.

Council Chamber,
Toronto, May 7, 1990.
(L.S.)

SCHEDULE "A"

In the City of Toronto, in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and Province of Ontario, being composed of part of Town Lot 2 on the south side of King Street, now King Street West, according to the Town of York Plan registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Toronto (No.63), designated as PART 1 on a plan of survey deposited in the said Land Registry Office as 63R-4080.

The westerly limit of Yonge Street as confirmed under the Boundaries Act by Plan BA-1120 registered on January 6, 1978 as CT273365.

The said land being most recently described in Schedule C in Instrument CT73684.

SCHEDULE "B"

Reasons for the designation of the property at 1 King Street West (The Dominion Bank Building)

The property at 1 King Street West (The Dominion Bank Building) is designated on architectural and historical grounds. The building was constructed in 1913-1914 according to the designs of Darling and Pearson, Architects, assisted by Harkness and Oxley, Engineers. It served as the head office of the Dominion Bank until 1955 and its amalgamation with the Bank of Toronto.

The Beaux Arts-styled twelve-storey skyscraper was constructed with a fire-proof steel skeleton and clad with smooth Quebec granite and glazed terra cotta. The design incorporates Renaissance Revival detailing and a three-part composition with an individually decorated plinth, a shaft divided by incised panels with cartouches, and an attic with an arcade of windows and a copper cornice. The design features rectangular windows with paired or tripartite sash divided by stone pilasters and decorated with hood moulds, balustrades, aprons or sculptured panels. Important details are the monumental Doric portico on the King Street elevation, the arcade of semi-circular windows lighting the Bank Hall on the Yonge elevation, and the recessed doorways with pediments and brackets on Yonge and Melinda Streets.

Significant interior features are the three-storey marble staircase linking the Great Vault, Savings Bank, and Banking Hall, the foyer with its marble cladding and bronze and brass fittings, the Banking Hall with its mezzanine supported on an arcade of piers and its coffered ceiling with pendentive domes, the 9th floor head office with its mezzanine gallery and double skylight, and the Board Room with its walnut panelling, carved wooden ceiling, and marble fireplace.

The Dominion Bank Building is one of three important early 20th century skyscrapers extant at the intersection of Yonge and King Streets.

DESIGNATION...
of premises 1
King Street West
Map 500-223

