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ONTARIO HERITAGE
ACT REGISTRATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT REGISTRATION
R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337 AND 2 STRACHAN AVENUE,
(HORSE PALACE) IN THE CITY OF TORONTO, IN THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

To: The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto
c/o General Manager
Administration
Exhibition Place

The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto
c/o Daniel Crombie, Metropolitan Clerk
2nd Floor, West Tower
City Hall

✓ Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City
of Toronto has passed By-law No. 821-88 to designate the above-
mentioned property.

Dated at Toronto this 18th day of October, 1988.



Roy V. Henderson
City Clerk

No. 821-88. A BY-LAW

*To designate the property at 2 Strachan Avenue
of architectural and historical value or interest.*

(Passed September 19, 1988.)

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FOUNDATION

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 notice of intention to so designate the property at 2 Strachan Avenue having been duly published and served and a notice of objection to such designation having been received, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto referred the matter to the Conservation Review Board for hearing and report; and

Whereas the Conservation Review Board, after due notice, conducted a public hearing and made a report to the aforesaid Council in which it recommended that 2 Strachan Avenue be duly designated by by-law of the City of Toronto pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act; and

Whereas the aforesaid Council has considered the said report; and

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

Whereas by Clause 3 of Neighbourhoods Committee Report No. 18, adopted by Council at its meeting held on September 19, 1988, authorized the introduction of the necessary bill in Council to designate the property at 2 Strachan Avenue of architectural and historical value or interest; and

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 in Schedule "A" hereto, known as the property at 2 Strachan Avenue.
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
Deputy City Clerk.

Council Chamber,
Toronto, September 19, 1988.
(L.S.)

SCHEDULE "A"

In the City of Toronto, in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and Province of Ontario, being composed of part of the Plan of the Ordnance Reserve (Block 14), filed in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Toronto (No. 63), the boundaries of the said land being described as follows:

PREMISING that the bearings hereinafter mentioned are Grid bearings and are referred to the Central Meridian 79 degrees and 30 minutes West Longitude through Zone 10 of the Ontario Co-Ordinate System, then;

COMMENCING at a point, the location of which may be arrived at as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the easterly limit of Dufferin Street with the northerly limit of the Frederick G. Gardiner Expressway as dedicated by Metropolitan Toronto By-law 134-73, being the north-westerly angle of PART 1 on a plan of survey deposited in the said Land Registry Office as 63R-276;

THENCE South 76 degrees 37 minutes and 50 seconds West, a distance of 574.34 metres to the point of commencement;

THENCE North 69 degrees and 15 minutes East, a distance of 171.50 metres to a point, the said point being distant 50.44 metres on a course of South 66 degrees 02 minutes and 50 seconds East from a point in the southerly limit of the said Frederick G. Gardiner Expressway as dedicated, being the south-easterly angle of PART 1 on a plan of survey deposited in the said Land Registry Office as 63R-277;

THENCE South 20 degrees and 45 minutes East, a distance of 105.65 metres;

THENCE South 69 degrees and 15 minutes West, a distance of 171.50 metres;

THENCE North 20 degrees and 45 minutes West, a distance of 105.65 metres to the point of commencement.

The hereinbefore described land is illustrated on the attached Plan SYE 2283 dated May 27, 1988.

SCHEDULE "B"

Reasons for the designation of the property at 2 Strachan Avenue (Horse Palace)

The property at 2 Strachan Avenue, is designated on architectural and historical grounds. It was built by the Canadian National Exhibition in 1931 following the designs of Toronto architect J.J. Woolnough, then City Architect. The tall two-storey buff brick and stone building is an excellent example of the Art Deco style in Toronto. The plain horizontal form of the building is highlighted by extensive decorative elements.

The south and west facades are symmetrical with balanced fenestration. Important features include the finely detailed south and west entrances with corresponding towers, fenestration patterns, very fine doorways, embellished window spandrels, coloured glass, and low relief sculptural friezes of animals and lettering. The interior of the Horse Palace is also architecturally important, particularly the stair railings, ramps for horses, stalls with metal details, interior skylights and light fixtures. The Horse Palace building expresses the continued interest in a tradition of fine architecture in Exhibition Place buildings that had been established by the CNE from its early days.

