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Office of the City Clerk

REGISTERED MAIL

May 10, 2011

Jim Leonard
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust
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10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

Dear Mr. Leonard:

Re: Notice of Intention - 137-147 King Street East

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener at its regular meeting held May 9, 2011 passed the following resolution, namely:

“That pursuant to Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act , the Clerk be directed to publish a Notice of Intention to designate the property known as 137-147 King Street East, as being of cultural heritage value or interest and possessing the following design, physical, historical and associative values:

The design and physical values relates to the vernacular architecture of the building which features many intact original elements. The building is a representative example of early 20th century main street commercial architecture and a rare survivor south (east) of Frederick / Benton Streets in Downtown Kitchener. It features a high degree of detail and craftsmanship including a pre-cast storefront, brick and masonry detailing, heavy cornice, and multiple light transoms; and,

The historical and associative values relates to previous and notable tenants associated with individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the community. From the 1940s through to the 1970s, the building was the location of the Kitchener Conservatory of Music at a time when the organization's President was founder George Henry Ziegler, a member of the Waterloo Region Hall of Fame. In 1911, George H. Ziegler founded the Ziegler Associated Studios, which later became the Kitchener Conservatory of Music. Instruction was offered in piano, orchestra and band instruments, voice, guitar, theory, and elocution. George was a flautist with the 29th Regiment Band, the Toronto

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Philharmonic Orchestra and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. In addition, he was an organist and choir master at St. Peter's Church, St. Andrew's Church, and Trinity United from 1917-1950. He also organized the Kitchener -Waterloo branch of the Ontario Registered Music Teacher's Association, the Berlin Symphony Orchestra, the Kitchener Ladies Band, and the first Kitchener Boys' Band. He was leader of the 29th Regiment Band of the Scots Fusiliers of Canada, and of the Kitchener Musical Society Band; and,

The property also has a long time association with various trade union and labour associations from the 1950s through to 2010. It served as the headquarters of the KW Labour Association which included local unions from the Canadian Association of Public Employees, the United Food and Commercial Workers union, the United Packing House Workers of America, the United Rubber Workers of America, and the United Steel Workers of America; and further,

That the designation make reference to the following attributes on the exterior of the front and side elevations, that embody the heritage value of 137-147 King Street East as a representative example of a vernacular commercial building:

- the square plan;
- the stone foundation;
- rugged brick construction;
- decorative brickwork and masonry detailing;
- date stone that reads '1922';
- precast masonry storefront;
- window and door openings;
- masonry sills;
- wood windows with multiple light transoms;
- heavy cornice with dentil blocks and metal capping;
- wood doors with semi-circular transom;
- roof and roofline; and,
- painted signage band on the north (west) elevation reading 'Conservatory Sales Room'."

Attached is a copy of the Notice of Intention, which is to be published in The Record, a paper of general circulation in the municipality, on Friday, May 13, 2011.

Yours truly,



Colin Goodeve, M.A.
Committee Administrator

Attach.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18, AS AMENDED, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS(ES) IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener intends to designate the following municipal address as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended.

137-147 King Street East

The property municipally addressed as 137-147 King Street East is a representative example of early 20th century main street commercial architecture and is a rare survivor of this style of building south (east) of Frederick / Benton Streets in Downtown Kitchener. It features a high degree of detail and craftsmanship including a pre-cast storefront, brick and masonry detailing, heavy cornice, and multiple light transoms. The historical and associative values relates to previous and notable tenants who made significant contributions to the community. From the 1940s through to the 1970s, the building was the location of the Kitchener Conservatory of Music at a time when the organization's President was founder George Henry Ziegler, a member of the Waterloo Region Hall of Fame. The property also has a long relationship with various trade unions and labour associations from the 1950s through to 2010, serving as the headquarters of the KW Labour Association.

The full particulars identifying this property as being of cultural heritage value or interest are available for inspection during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) in the Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, Kitchener City Hall.

Any person who objects to the proposed designation may send a Notice of Objection, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, to the Clerk of the City of Kitchener by no later than the 13th day of June, 2011. Please note that when a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board.

Dated at Kitchener this 13th day of May, 2011.

Randy Gosse
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& City Clerk
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