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Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operations Branch
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Att: Mr. Sean Fraser, Manager, Acquisitions and Conservation Services

Dear: Mr. Fraser

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property to be of Cultural Heritage Value
or Interest
15231 Yonge Street (Bond's Grocery Store)
Lot 142, Plan 246, together with R212994
Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York**

Please find attached a Notice of Intention to Designate, which includes a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest and a description of the heritage attributes of the above-noted property.

Yours sincerely,

John Leach
Director, Customer and Legislative Services

c. Mai Al Nabhan, Manager of Heritage Planning and Urban Design



**NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO DESIGNATE A BUILDING OF
CULTURAL HERIATGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended. A brief statement of reasons is included.

15231 Yonge Street (Bond's Grocery Store)
Lot 142, Plan 246, together with R212994
Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York

Description of Property

The structure, known municipally as 15231 Yonge Street, is a 2 storey commercial building, located on the east side of Yonge Street between Wellington and Mosley Streets just to the south of Wellington Street at Aurora's historical commercial core.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Bond's Grocery Store located at 15231 Yonge Street meets several criteria required for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The structure is significant because of its historical, architectural and contextual values.

Historical Value

The Bond's Grocery Store was built for the Bond family, general merchants in Aurora. The builder was George Browning, a prominent local builder and member of the Browning family who built many homes and other structures in Aurora and beyond.

Design or Physical Value

The subject structure was built in 1903 replacing an older frame building of the early 1850s. The Bond's store is a good example of Aurora's commercial architecture in the early 1900s with its flat roof, brick work, corbels, parapet, voussoirs, and show windows.

Contextual Value

The Bond's Grocery Store is one of the retail buildings in the former Stevenson Block. The store is part of an intact strip of commercial building on the east side of Yonge Street that was built between the 1850s and the 1950s. These buildings share similar characteristics that make a visual impact and noticeable contribution to the Aurora's historical commercial core.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Exterior Elements

- commercial structure, 2 storey high
- flat roof
- original window openings, front elevation
- original door opening, front elevation
- all brick detailing on front elevation
- show windows on main floor, front elevation

DETAILED REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE UNDERSIGNED.

Any person may, before 4:30 p.m. on the 6th day of May, 2010, send by registered mail or deliver to the Town Clerk, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Aurora will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

Further information respecting the proposed designation(s) is available from the Clerk's Office upon request.

DATED at Aurora this 6th day of April, 2010.

John Leach, Director, Customer and Legislative Services, Town of Aurora, 1 Municipal Drive, Box 1000, Aurora, ON, L4G 6J1