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City of North Bay**

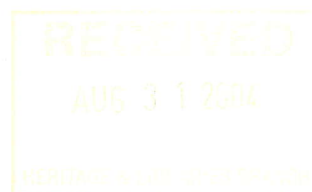
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August 20, 2004

Ms. Catherine Axford
Executive Assistant
Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street, East
Toronto, On M5C 1J3



Dear Ms. Axford:

Re: CPR Station – City of North Bay

Attached, is a copy of the Notice of Intention to Designate the above property in the City of North Bay. This Notice was placed in our local paper, The North Bay Nugget, on July 24, 2004.

This letter and attached Notice are being forwarded to you to provide formal notification of the City's intention to designate this property.

Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

John Fior / db

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Senior Planner

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c.c. Cathy Conrad, City Clerk

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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.O. 18, and IN THE MATTER OF the lands and premises at the following municipal address in the Province of Ontario.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the City of North Bay intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, C.O. 18.

Municipal Address: The Canadian Pacific Railway Station, Ferguson Street, North Bay, located on that part of Lot 20, Concession "D", designated as Part 14, Plan 36R-10781 in the City of North Bay, owned by the City of North Bay.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

The Canadian Pacific Railway Station at North Bay, Ontario was built in 1903 by the Canadian Pacific Railway. This Station was home to the District Divisional Offices of the CPR between 1901 and 1959. Later it was taken over by VIA Rail until the discontinuation of passenger rail service in 1985. From 1996 until 2000 the building was occupied by Ottawa Valley RailLink as the local operator for the CPR. Architecture and siting of the station testified to the central role that the CPR played in the creation and subsequent prosperity of North Bay. The town came into existence entirely as a product of the railway and the subsequent expansion and upgrading of the facility signalled the increasing importance of the town to the rail network.

The imposing architecture of the station is unique in North Bay and unusual in CPR buildings. The random-coursed, limestone and sandstone structure has a bold and sophisticated visual and structural organization in which the separate elements are colouristically defined. The large windows reflected the new and changing standards in fenestration of the era, while the bracket-supported canopy around the building recalled architectural design of earlier times. The building was considerably expanded in 1943-1944 in a sympathetic manner.

Character Defining Features: The heritage character of the CPR station at North Bay resides in its robust massing, rich colours and textures, and striking presence on its site.

The station is a two-storey building capped with a shallow, slightly bell-cast hipped roof. The eaves do not extend past the walls, the characteristic passenger shelter is provided by an encircling separate canopy supported on simple, graceful struts.

Simplicity in form is more than compensated for by the extravagance of colour and texture found in the masonry work, exaggerated quoins in dressed dark sandstone boldly outline the window and door openings and separate fields of paler variegated limestone with a rock-faced finish.

The interior of the station has been extensively remodeled, with some exceptions. The baggage room in the north end has much early material, with light fixtures, windows trim, varnished boarded walls, maroon paint and an early cast iron scale. These elements recall the station's early appearance and ongoing railway function. Lobby renovations dating from the 1940's, which introduced terrazzo floors and dados and a charcoal, green and beige colour scheme, have heritage value in their own right and merit preservation.

Additional information is available from Planning Services Department at City Hall.

Any person may, within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice, submit to the Clerk of the City of North Bay, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of The Corporation of the City of North Bay shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at North Bay, this 24th day of July 2004.
Catherine Conrad, City Clerk