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IN THE MATTER OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990
CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES
IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Mr. Sean Fraser
The Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the following property, including land and building, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18., as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29, *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, amended 2005.

Property Description: Lot 1, Plan 7032, Town of Richmond Hill

Municipal Address: 10185 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill
Town File No.: D12-07463

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Dominion Telegraph Building is a two storey commercial building with retail on the ground floor and apartment/office uses on the second floor. The building is located on the south east corner of Yonge Street and Centre Street East in the village core neighbourhood area of Richmond Hill. The building was constructed in 1877 by the Sanderson family.

The property housed both Richmond Hill's first telegraph office and later Richmond Hill's first telephone exchange. The building is directly historically associated with the location of the Dominion Telegraph Company. The opening of the communities first telegraph exchange in 1871 marked the first time residents had the ability to communicate electronically with other individuals and communities.

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Architecturally, the property contains significant design value as a representative example of late-19th century commercial building construction methods. The design value is embodied in the unique and early use of concrete brick construction for a commercial building. The building also exhibits design value through its decorative brick parapet (currently concealed).

The building contextually relates to and supports the character of the village core neighbourhood area through its two storey commercial form which faces directly onto Yonge Street. The building also supports the 19th and early 20th century character of the village core neighbourhood.

Description of Heritage Attributes

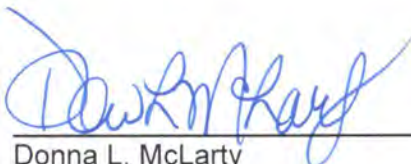
Key physical attributes that contribute to the heritage value of 10185 Yonge Street (the Dominion Telegraph Building) based on the 1930 photograph, include the following:

- The building scale, massing and form;
- Two-storey, commercial design containing ground-floor retail with apartment/office uses on the second floor;
- The building material which is buff coloured concrete brick (currently concealed);
- Three course radiating brick voussoir over second floor windows (currently concealed); and
- Decorative corbelled brick parapet (currently concealed).

Notice of Objection

Any person who objects to the proposed designation shall, within 30 days after the publication of this notice, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill, a Notice of Objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day to appeal the proposed designation is **August 19, 2013**. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Clerk or by Registered Mail at the following address:

Donna L. McLarty, Town Clerk
The Town of Richmond Hill
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill ON L4B 3P4



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- c. Joanne Leung, Manager of Urban Design
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