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Town of Aurora  
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August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Via Registered Mail

Ms. Erin Semande  
Ontario Heritage Trust  
Heritage Programs and Operation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Dear Ms. Semande,

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

**15233 Yonge Street  
Medical Hall**

**Lot 141, Plan 246, together with R530937, Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York, being all of PIN 03651-0004 (LT)**

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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.

Pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, this Notice will be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality (The Auran) on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Michael De Rond  
Town Clerk

Attach.

c. Marco Ramunno, Planning and Development Services

**NOTICE OF INTENTION  
TO DESIGNATE A BUILDING OF  
CULTURAL HERITAGE 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.

15233 Yonge Street  
Medical Hall  
Lot 141, Plan 246, together with R530937, Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York, being all of PIN 03651-0004 (LT)

**Description of Property**

The property known municipally as 15233 Yonge Street contains a 3 storey brick commercial building designed in an Italianate architectural style located in the heart of Aurora's historic downtown on the east side Yonge Street.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

Medical Hall was constructed in 1885 for pharmacist Henry J. Hartman. Before Hartman's untimely death in 1886, the building was bought by physician and Aurora's first Mayor, Dr. John Rutherford. The first floor of Medical Hall was used as a drugstore and was operated by the Willis family for over eighty years. The Willis family eventually purchased the building in 1921. The upper floors were used by the Aurora Banner, the Orange Lodge and as medical and professional offices.

**Description of Heritage Attributes**

Important to the preservation of the property are the original key attributes that express its value, which include:

**Exterior Elements**

- Three-storey building that until 1999 was the tallest building in the old business core;
- highly decorated parapet wall that incorporates 8 brick corbels;
- three-paned oriel window;
- window openings capped by radiating brick voussoirs and keystones;
- decorative brickwork between the second floor and the cornice reflects a high degree of craftsmanship.

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

Pursuant to Section 29(5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, any person may, before 4:30 p.m. on the **10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018**, (within 30 days of the publication of this notice) send by registered mail or deliver to the Town Clerk, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement setting out 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 is available from the Town Clerk's Office upon request.

DATED at Aurora this August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Michael De Rond, Town Clerk, Town of Aurora, 100 John West Way, Box 1000, Aurora, ON, L4G 6J1