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as adopted by City of Toronto Council on February 6 and 7, 2012

Enacted by Council: November 1, 2012

#### CITY OF TORONTO

#### BY-LAW No. 1415-2012

To designate the property formerly known municipally as 948 Lansdowne Avenue and 20 Foundry Avenue and now known as 31 Foundry Avenue (Canada Foundry Company Powerhouse) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property formerly known municipally as 948 Lansdowne Avenue and 20 Foundry Avenue and now known as 31 Foundry Avenue (Canada Foundry Company Powerhouse) as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures located thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises formerly known municipally as 948 Lansdowne Avenue and 20 Foundry Avenue and now known as 31 Foundry Avenue and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be posted on the City's web site for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, § 162-4, Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

- 1. The property formerly known municipally as 948 Lansdowne Avenue and 20 Foundry Avenue and now known as 31 Foundry Avenue, more particularly described in Schedule "B" and shown on Schedule "C" attached to this by-law, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
- 2. The City Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.

3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property formerly known municipally as 948 Lansdowne Avenue and 20 Foundry Avenue and now known as 31 Foundry Avenue and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be posted on the City's web site for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, § 162-4, Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 1st day of November, A.D. 2012.

FRANCES NUNZIATA,

Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS,

City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

# SCHEDULE "A" REASONS FOR DESIGNATION (STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE)

The properties know municipally in the year 2011 as 980 Lansdowne Avenue and 20 Foundry Avenue and now known as 31 Foundry Avenue containing the Canada Foundry Company Powerhouse is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design, associative and contextual values. Located on the south side of Powerhouse Avenue between Lansdowne Avenue and Foundry Avenue, the Canada Foundry Company Powerhouse (1902) is a 2½-storey industrial building. The site was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 2004. The landmark smokestack on the west side of the powerhouse was demolished in 2010.

## **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

The Canada Foundry Company Powerhouse has design value as a representative example of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century industrial building that forms part of a surviving collection of structures associated with the manufacturing site.

The Powerhouse is associated with the Canada Foundry Company, a subsidiary of the Canadian General Electric Company, which constructed the building on its 60-acre (25-hectare) tract to manufacture a range of steel and cast iron products, including steam locomotives, railway tracks and turntables, bridge components, elevator cages, fences, staircases and architectural ornaments. Known as the Davenport works, CGE produced electrical transformers on the site for nearly 60 years.

Contextually, the Canada Foundry Company Powerhouse is historically and visually related to its surroundings where, with the adjoining Canada Foundry Company Warehouse and Office Building, it is a surviving example of the industrial complex that filled the area southwest of Davenport Road and Lansdowne Avenue for most of the  $20^{th}$  century.

### **Heritage Attributes**

The heritage attributes of the property known municipally in the year 2011 as 980 Lansdowne Avenue and 20 Foundry Avenue and now known as 31 Foundry Avenue are:

- The 2½-storey powerhouse
- The scale, form and massing of the structure with the near square-shaped plan
- The materials, with brick cladding and brick and wood detailing
- The truncated gable roof with parapets at the north and south ends
- On the principal (north) façade, the three-part frontispiece with corbelled brickwork
- On the north, east and south elevations, the piers that organize round-arched openings that rise the equivalent of two-stories and contain door and window openings
- The west wall that originally adjoined the landmark smokestack (now demolished)

## SCHEDULE "B"

PIN 21325-0364 (LT) BLOCK 7, PLAN 66M2496

City of Toronto and Province of Ontario Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)

The herein before described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2012-093 dated September 21, 2012, as set out in Schedule "C".

