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January 31st, 2020

Ms. Erin Semande
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Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

Dear: Mr. Semande:

**Re: Notice of Passing of By-law to Designate a Property
to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
136 Wellington Street East
Railroad Hotel
Lots 1, 2 and 3, 1st Range South of Centre Street, East of Rail Road on
Registered Plan 107, designated as Part I on Plan 65R-38758, being part of
PIN 03641-0819 (LT), Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York**

Please find a copy of By-law 6236-20 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,

Michael de Rond
Town Clerk

Attach.

c. Carlson Tsang, Planner, Heritage Planning

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

By-law Number 6236-20

Being a By-law to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest (Railroad Hotel).

Whereas Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, provides that the council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And whereas on September 18, 2018, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora (the "Town") approved the recommendations of the Heritage Advisory Committee to designate the Railroad Hotel (the "Property") to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And whereas the Town Clerk caused notice of the intention to designate the Property to be served on the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

And whereas there were no objections to the proposed designation of the Property served on the Town, or a person who has served a notice of objection has withdrawn the objection;

And whereas the Council of the Town deems it necessary and expedient to enact a by-law to designate the Property to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora hereby enacts as follows:

1. The Property described on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law be and is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. A statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the Property and a description of the heritage attributes of the Property are set out on Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law.
3. The Town Clerk shall serve a copy of this By-law on the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and publish notice of this By-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
4. The Town Solicitor shall register against the Property in the Land Registry Office, a copy of this By-law including an Affidavit of the Town Clerk respecting the giving of notice referenced herein to be attached to and forming part of this By-law.

Enacted by Town of Aurora Council this 28th day of January, 2020.



Tom Mrakas, Mayor



Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

Schedule "A"

Description of Property

All and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Aurora, in the Regional Municipality of York, municipally known as 136 Wellington Street East, and being composed of Lots 1, 2 and 3, 1st Range South of Centre Street, East of Rail Road on Registered Plan 107, designated as Part 1 on Plan 65R-38758, being part of PIN 03641-0819 (LT).

Schedule "B"

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Constructed circa 1855, the Railroad Hotel is a two-storey, mid-19th century building inspired by Georgian and Gothic Revival influences. The building features a distinctive keyhole window, gable roof, and historic window and door openings. It is one of the oldest buildings in Aurora and the last remaining railroad hotel in the Town.

The hotel was a prominent community landmark and gathering place for both local Aurorans and travellers who rode on the *Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Union Railroad* - the Province's earliest fare-paying steam train journey. In response to the railway's opening and anticipation of population growth, John Mosley and Richard Machell subdivided their land holdings on the property, and in 1854 "Machell's Corners" was renamed "Aurora", after the Grecian goddess of dawn, to enthusiastically mark the turning point in direction – symbolically and actually – of the community. The Railroad Hotel represents the growth of commercial life as part of this new era for the Town.

Prominent Aurora and area business people including John Kersopp and the Button family from Markham also owned the property for periods of time. Since the present railway station (built c.1900) is not the original terminal, the hotel stands as the last vestige from the mid-19th century for the area surrounding the railway crossing.

Description of Heritage Attributes

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

Exterior Elements

- Roundel/keyhole window
- North and south gables
- Historic window and door openings