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Notice is Hereby Given that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Newmarket intends to designate as a property of cultural heritage value and interest the following property in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990:

Property Description: 17250 Yonge Street (York Region Administrative Centre).

17250 Yonge Street, the York Region Administrative Centre, is located on the west side of Yonge Street between Millard Avenue West and Eagle Street West, Part of Lot 94, Concession 1 West of Yonge Street, in the Town of Newmarket, York Region. The property consists of a four-storey postmodern Canadian Indigenous prairie style administrative building. The structure was built between 1992-1993 and officially opened on June 23, 1994.

Legal Description: PCL 4-1 SEC 65M2118; PT BLK 4 PL 65M2118; PTS 1 TO 11 65R7443; S/T LT212720E, LT770069 NEWMARKET

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Last Date for Objection: November 5, 2022

Any notice of objection to this Notice of Intention to Designate, setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts, must be served upon the Town Clerk within 30 days of the first publication of this notice.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest Physical/Design Value

The York Region Administrative Centre is an excellent example of a postmodern institutional building; specifically, the Canadian Indigenous prairie interpretation of the style. The building displays elements of the prairie regionalism branch of postmodernist architecture exemplified by its organic and curvilinear design. Typical of this style, the flat roofed four-storey stone and glass structure has an irregular, organic floor plan with a horizontal emphasis on each stepped storey of alternating rusticated and smooth stone bands with continuous window ribbons. The structure's windows are plain and unadorned and feature extensive areas of glass, indicative of the style. Four wings radiate from the large central circular driveway with colonnades and two sets of tall double doors flanked by a shorter door on each side, all with semi-arched glass insert and semicircular door handles. The entryway apparatus is installed within a curved wall of windows. The York Region Shield is etched in the window above the entrance. The northeast wing terminates at the clock tower feature with four towers of varying heights, each with a round simple clockface of black on white Roman numerals. The other three wings terminate at two towers of varying heights. White is a dominant colour of this building style and as been integrated into the building's light coloured stone and columns, reinforcing institutional overtones. Attention to detail is evident in the utility infrastructure (gas metre

housing and water hook up) designed and built in a manner sympathetic to the building's architecture. The York Region Administrative Centre displays a high degree of artistic value with its striking scale and curvilinear massing including the nature of the horizontal waving bands of stone and glass.

Historical and Associative Value

The York Region Administrative Centre demonstrates and reflects the work and ideas of renowned Indigenous Canadian architect Douglas Cardinal. Cardinal was born in

1934 in Red Deer, AB to Métis parents and is of Siksika descent. He studied at the University of Texas School of Architecture where he developed his architectural style that was influenced by Antonio Gaudi, Frank Lloyd Wright and Le Corbusier. His notable buildings include the: Museum of Canadian History, Hull, QB (1989, 1999); Museum of the American Indian, Washington, DC (2004); Alberta Government Services Building, Ponoka, AB (1975); and First Nations University, Regina, SK (2003). As a post-war period architect, Douglas Cardinal was a forerunner of philosophies of sustainability, green buildings and ecologically designed community planning. His architecture springs from his observations of nature and its understanding that everything works seamlessly together. This philosophy is clearly demonstrated by the manner in which the York Region Administrative Centre harmonizes with the natural features of the landscape through its curvilinear massing and organic forms. Cardinal is known for curvilinear designs which is demonstrated in this building. He was a pioneering adopter of early computer technology, notably Computer-Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) systems, harnessing the power of computers as early as the 1960s to create his signature organic forms. By the late 1970s, Cardinal's practice became the first to be fully computerized, using their own proprietary architectural programming.

Contextual Value

The York Region Administrative Centre is designed to harmonize with the natural features of the landscape, physically and visually linking the building to the surrounding topography. It is the founding property around which the Town of Newmarket and York Region are creating a civic campus within the established government district along this area of Yonge Street. Due to its striking architecture, the building is a physical and visual landmark along Yonge Street in the Town of Newmarket.

Additional information, including a full description of the rationale for designation is available upon request from Umar Mahmood, Planner, Committee of Adjustment and Cultural Heritage, Planning Services at 905 895 5193, extension 2458, or at umahmood@newmarket.ca during regular business hours.

Dated at the Town of Newmarket this 6th day of October, 2022

Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk | Town of Newmarket

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