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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337 AND
1 KING STREET WEST
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: The Toronto-Dominion Bank
Corporate Real Estate Operations
Toronto-Dominion Centre
Station P.O. Box 1
Toronto, Ontario
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Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 29th and 30th days of January, 1990 decided to designate the lands and buildings known as 1 King Street West.

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The property at 1 King Street West is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. The building was constructed in 1913-1914 according to the designs of Darling and Pearson, Architects, assisted by Harkness and Oxley, Engineers. It served as the head office of the Dominion Bank until 1955 and its amalgamation with the Bank of Toronto.

The Beaux Arts-styled twelve-storey skyscraper was constructed with a fire-proof steel skeleton and clad with smooth Quebec granite and glazed terra cotta. The design incorporates Renaissance Revival detailing and a three-part composition with an individually decorated plinth, a shaft divided by incised panels with cartouches, and an attic with an arcade of windows and a copper cornice. The design features rectangular windows with paired or tripartite sash divided by stone pilasters and decorated with hood moulds, balustrades, aprons or sculptured panels. Important details are the monumental Doric portico on the King Street elevation, the arcade of semi-circular windows lighting the Banking Hall on the Yonge Street elevation, and the recessed doorways with pediments and brackets on Yonge and Melinda Streets.

Significant interior features are the three-storey marble staircase linking the Great Vault, Savings Bank, and Banking Hall, the foyer with its marble cladding and bronze and brass fittings, the Banking Hall with its mezzanine supported on an arcade of piers and its coffered ceiling with pendentive domes, the 9th floor head office with its mezzanine gallery

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and double skylight, and the Board Room with its walnut panelling, carved wooden ceiling, and marble fireplace.

The Dominion Bank Building is one of three important early 20th century skyscrapers extant at the intersection of Yonge and King Streets.

The complete description and Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Department at City Hall and the offices of the Toronto Historical Board.

Notice of the objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of the 20th day of February, 1990.

Dated at Toronto this 20th day of February, 1990.



Barbara G. Caplan
City Clerk