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Town of  
**East Gwillimbury**

August 4, 2011

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**REGISTERED MAIL**

Ontario Heritage Trust  
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Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE  
Metropolitan Railway Company, Queensville Radial Line Station  
1701 Queensville Sideroad  
Part of Lot 61, Plan 402, Part of Part 6, RP 65R-14629  
Town of East Gwillimbury, Regional Municipality of York**

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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of East Gwillimbury intends to designate the above noted property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29. The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value/Description of Heritage Attributes is as follows:

*Historical or Associative Value* - The Queensville Radial Line Station, consisting of a platform station, & waiting room, was built in 1908 and served the community until 1930. When constructed, it was a 2 ½ storey building with the station and waiting room on the lower level and the living accommodation for the station master on the upper level. The building was renovated between 1930 and 1938. It was removed from its foundation, turned 180 degrees, transported across the road and placed on a new cement foundation. It was converted into a residential dwelling. The Queensville Radial Station has historical value through its association with the Toronto York Radial Railway Company, Metropolitan Division from 1908 to 1931. In March 1931 the Newmarket to Sutton section of the radial line closed.

*Architectural Value* - The Description of Heritage Attributes include the following attributes and apply only to the exterior of the station building which is considered to hold cultural heritage value or interest and does not include the addition constructed on the south end of the building. The structure's current form, massing, and architectural detailing corresponds to its original function as a railway station and is a good example of early 20th century station design. Although additions and alterations have been undertaken, they are largely reversible and have been sympathetic. They have not destroyed the original exterior design that would have been utilized during construction. Its use and retention of a veranda with exposed rafters and stacked bay window expresses railway station design approaches that were in favour during the late 19th century and early 20th century which sought to combine architectural detailing and affordability. The wrap-around veranda, supported by exposed rafters, is an original design feature and one

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*Contextual Value* - The Metropolitan Radial Railway Station located at 1701 Queensville Sideroad has contextual value as physical evidence of the economically important and popular Metropolitan radial line is eroding. This includes loss of generating stations, car barns, passenger and freight stations, track beds, culverts, trestle bridges, and related infrastructure. The Toronto and York Radial Railway's (TY&R) extension of its line from Newmarket to Sutton led to the construction of a station and waiting room at Queensville. Archival research suggests that with the opening of the TY&R Line, between Newmarket and Sutton, a stopping point was established approximately 1200 feet east of the present day Queensville Sideroad and Leslie Street intersection. Archival documentation of construction of a station and waiting room in the vicinity of this intersection dates to June 1908. Construction of a 2 ½ storey structure at Queensville in 1908, which housed both a waiting room and station master's living quarters, would have represented a somewhat new approach to station design in the local area and among railway station development more generally. Today, the Queensville Station stands as one of two remaining stations built by the TY&R Company. The Queensville Station is an important artifact that contributes to the understanding of the history of the Toronto and York Radial Line, as well as the past importance of radial railways to the regional economy.

Notice of objection to the designation, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts, may be served on the Clerk, Town of East Gwillimbury, 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon, Ontario L0G 1V0 no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

For further information regarding the proposed designation, please contact Carolyn Kellington, Manager of Planning, Development Services Department at 905-478-4282 or by email at [ckellington@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:ckellington@eastgwillimbury.ca).

Yours truly,



Kathleen Foster,  
Municipal Clerk.



**NOTICE OF INTENTION**  
**TO DESIGNATE A BUILDING OF**  
**CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

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**Queensville Radial Line Station**  
**1701 QUEENSVILLE SIDEROAD**  
**PART OF LOT 61, PLAN 402, PT PART 6, RP 65R-14629**  
**Town of East Gwillimbury**  
**Regional Municipality of York**

Description of Property

The Queensville Radial Line Station known municipally as **1701 Queensville Sideroad** is a 2½ storey residential building located in the Town of East Gwillimbury, Regional Municipality of York.

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DETAILED REASONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION RESPECTING THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING CAROLYN KELLINGTON, MANAGER, COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AT (905) 478-4282 OR AT [ckellington@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:ckellington@eastgwillimbury.ca).

ANY PERSON MAY, BEFORE THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF **SEPTEMBER, 2011**, SEND BY REGISTERED MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE MUNICIPAL CLERK, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

DATED at The Town of East Gwillimbury this 4<sup>th</sup> day of **August, 2011**.

Kathleen Foster, Municipal Clerk, Town of East Gwillimbury, 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon, ON L0G 1V0.