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January 20, 1999

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND
2 STRACHAN AVENUE (STANLEY BARRACKS) (TRINITY NIAGARA)
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5H 2N2

Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 16th and 17th day of December, 1998 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 2 Strachan Avenue (Stanley Barracks) (Trinity Niagara).

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The portion of the property at 2 Strachan Avenue containing Stanley Barracks is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. Construction between 1840 and 1841 by the Royal Engineers of the British Army, the Officers' Quarters are the sole surviving component of the 'New Fort', now known as Stanley Barracks. For over a century, it served as the home of and a training ground for both the British and Canadian armies, and as the central military facility for the Toronto garrison. It is also associated with the origins of the North West Mounted Police (forerunner to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police) who first trained here. Most of the complex was demolished in the mid-1950s. In 1998, Heritage Toronto ended its 40-year occupancy of the Officers' Quarters where it operated the City's Marine Museum.

The Officers' Quarters are a significant example of military architecture inspired by early 19th century Georgian design. Constructed of Kingston and Queenston limestone, the building is covered by a steeply-pitched gable roof with nine stone chimneys. The two-story symmetrical rectangular plan extends 16 bays on the north and south facades above a raised basement. All three levels have deep-set casement windows, and there are raised entrances on all of the walls. On the interior, the two stone staircases (extending from the basement to the second story) inside the north and south entrances and the fireplaces are important features.

The Officers' Quarters are located on the south side of Princes Boulevard near the east end of Exhibition Place. (The designated area is marked by the existing berms and planters, but excludes the locomotive, boat and statue.) Historically, the site is linked to important events in the country's military history. An early example of stone building in the City, it is a rare and well-designed example of military architecture. The Officers' Quarters are also significant in their historical and contextual relationship to Fort York.

Heritage Toronto's Heritage Property Report (Long Statement of Reasons for Designation) respecting the property, is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Department at City Hall and the offices of Heritage Toronto.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Frances Pritchard, Committee Administrator, Toronto Community Council, 4th Floor, West Tower, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 22nd day of January, 1999.

Dated at Toronto this 22nd day of January, 1999.


Frances Pritchard
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City Clerk

CC: Ms. Dianne Young
Board of Governors Offices
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