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Memo

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND
76 ST. CLAIR AVENUE WEST
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

JUN 18 1995

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Deer Park Residences Ltd.
1033 Bay Street
Suite 212
M5S 3A5
Attention: Lionel C. Larry

✓ Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 5th day of June, 1995 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 76 St. Clair Avenue West (Anglo-Canada Insurance Company Building).

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The property at 76 St. Clair Avenue West is identified for architectural reasons. The Anglo Canada Insurance Company Building was constructed in 1954 as the head office of the Anglo Canada Fire and General Insurance Company according to the designs of Toronto architect James A. Murray.

The Anglo Canada Insurance Company Building is a carefully crafted high rise building displaying the construction techniques and materials associated with the International Style as interpreted in Toronto after the Second World War. Featuring a complex composition of geometric forms, the building is constructed of concrete, steel, brick, aluminum and glass. The different components of the plan are organized according to function: a single-storey podium, containing the entrance and commercial areas, forms the base for a six-storey flat-roof office tower. Significant features on the podium are the decorative brickwork and punched openings on the east half (the three windows are alterations), and the glazed walls and rooftop terrace on the west half. Important elements on the tower, which rises from and is cantilevered over the podium, are the curtain walls on three sides with alternating horizontal rows of glass and aqua-coloured aluminum panels in steel frames.

Located on the northeast corner of St. Clair Avenue West and Deer Park Crescent, the Anglo Canada Insurance Company Building is an integral part of a collection of high rise buildings along St. Clair Avenue west of Yonge Street. The building is an important example of the work of James A. Murray, the founder of The Canadian Architect periodical and a leading architect in post-war Toronto. An early sample of mixed used planning in the city, the development blends corporate offices, commercial office space and retail areas. The Anglo Canada Insurance Company Building is a significant illustration of the International Style featuring one of the first curtain walls constructed in Toronto.

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

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, Second Floor, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 9th day of June, 1995, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 9th day of June, 1995.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caplan', is written over the printed name.

Barbara G. Caplan
City Clerk