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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR

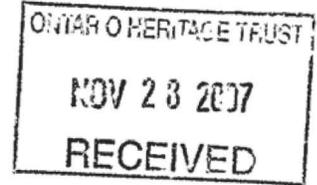
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING  
MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE CITY OF WINDSOR IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO ✓

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

REGISTERED MAIL

To: 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 Windsor intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings at the following municipal address, as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act:

**70 University Avenue East (Plan 12R 11163 Part 3)  
Detroit-Windsor Tunnel Ventilation Building**

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:**

**Owner:** The Corporation of the City of Windsor

**Property:** 70 University Avenue East

**Reasons for Designation:**

**Historical:**

The Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, opened in 1930, is one of the great engineering wonders of its time. Supervising and design engineers were Parsons, Klapp, Brinckerhoff & Douglas, the firm that also built the Holland Tunnel in New York. In addition to the tunnel itself, about 25 buildings, of major and minor size were built to meet all requirements. These include ventilation buildings on each side of the river capable of pumping a million and a half cubic feet of air through the tunnel each minute – changing the air completely every 90 seconds.

Ongoing improvements to immigration and customs facilities have changed the face of the tunnel plaza over time. In Windsor only the tunnel ventilation building remains of the original 1930 structures. The companion ventilation building in Detroit was covered with white insulated metal siding during a 1980 remodeling.

**Architectural:**

The tunnel ventilation building is an eight-storey structural steel, brick clad building with Indiana limestone trim. It has a strong horizontal element in the second floor cornice. Below the cornice the building is virtually free of openings. Above are strong vertical elements – flat pilasters, banks of windows, and a pair of three-storey painted louvers. The building is topped with an ornate limestone cap.

From the fall of 2004 to the spring of 2007 the building was completely renovated. While the inside of the building was modernized, every effort was made to preserve the historical appearance of the building's exterior.

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Windsor notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

**DATED** at Windsor, Ontario this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007  
Steve Vlachodimos, Deputy Clerk, City Hall, Windsor, Ontario

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Vlachodimos". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Steve Vlachodimos  
Manager of Council & Committee Services / Deputy Clerk

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