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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND  
222 ISLINGTON AVENUE  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE



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Noma Company  
C/o GenTek Inc.  
90 East Halsey Road  
Parsippany, New Jersey  
USA 07054

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
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Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, on the 23rd, 24th, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27th of April, 2001, and its special meeting held on April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2001, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 222 Islington Avenue (Boxer Building) (Etobicoke-Lakeshore, Ward 6).

Short Statement of Reasons for Designation

The property at 222 Islington Avenue is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. Two sections of the industrial complex are described. On the Islington Avenue (east) frontage, the ten-bay façade with patterned brick detailing purportedly dates to 1891 and was constructed for the McDonald Stamping Works, manufacturers of pressed metal products. After the Reg. N. Boxer Company, manufacturers of fine wallpapers, acquired the property in 1908, a five-part façade with Classical detailing was added to the Birmingham Street (south) frontage.

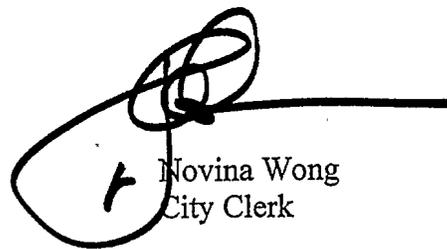
The McDonald Stamping Works Building displays the round-arched motifs associated with the Romanesque Revival style. The building is constructed of brick with contrasting brick and stone detailing. Covered by a flat roof, the structure rises two stories above a parged brick foundation. The façade is organized into ten bays by brick piers. In the first floor, pairs of round-arched window openings (some have been altered) contain twelve-over-twelve industrial sash windows. The second storey has pairs of segmental-headed window openings with four-over-four sash windows that are linked by buff brick string courses. In both stories, all of the window openings display buff brick voussoirs and stone sills. The side (north and south) walls abut the adjoining parts of the complex.

The Reg. N. Boxer Company Building displays stylistic features identified with early twentieth-century Edwardian Classicism. The building is constructed of brick with limestone trim. The south façade is organized into five sections, with two-storey units flanked and separated by single-storey units. The entire façade is unified by a brick band course with stone roundels that runs above the first-floor openings. Brick parapets extend the single-storey end units on the east (right) and west (left). Brick piers divide flat-headed window openings (currently bricked in) with brick voussoirs and stone sills. In the centre, the single-storey section has been altered with the addition of freight doors. Each two-storey section is organized into five bays with a projecting frontispiece in the centre. In the lower floor, a door (now altered) is set in a stone doorcase with an entablature and a bracketed cartouche with the initial "B". The upper storey of the frontispiece has a flat-headed window opening in a stone surround. The outer bays of the two-storey portions have pairs of flat-headed window openings with brick voussoirs, stone sills and, in the upper floor, stone keystones. Stone cornices with mouldings top the two-storey sections.

The property at 222 Islington Avenue is located on the north-west corner of Birmingham Avenue. The McDonald Stamping Works Building, positioned on the Islington Avenue frontage, is historically significant as one of the earliest surviving industrial buildings in New Toronto and, architecturally, is a well-designed example of Romanesque Revival styling. The Reg. N. Boxer Company Building, added after the turn of the twentieth-century at the south end of the complex, is architecturally important for its carefully integrated design inspired by Edwardian Classicism.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Mary Casini, Acting Committee Administrator, West Community Council, 1st Floor, Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall, Etobicoke, Ontario M9C 2Y2 within thirty days of the 18th of May, 2001, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 18th day of May, 2001.

  
Novina Wong  
City Clerk

  
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