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## IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND 231-235 McRAE DRIVE CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

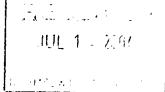
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Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 231-235 McRae Drive (Leaside Municipal Building and Fire Hall) (Ward 26 – Don Valley West) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

## Reasons for Designation:

The property at 231-235 McRae Drive is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural resource value or interest. Opened in 1949, the former administrative offices of the Town of Leaside is architecturally notable as a good example of Modern Classicism designed by Toronto architects Hanks and Irwin.

The Leaside Municipal Building, with the adjoining Fire Hall, which opened in 1949, occupies the property at the southwest corner of McRae Drive and Randolph Road. The site is historically significant as the location of the former administrative offices of the Town of Leaside, the municipality incorporated in 1913 and, following amalgamation with the Town of East York, part of the Borough of East York from 1967 to 1998. Including the former East York Fire Hall #1 (now the Toronto Fire Department's Station #321), the complex is architecturally notable as a good example of Modern Classicism designed by Toronto architects Hanks and Irwin.



The Leaside Municipal Building and Fire Hall displays the smooth surfaces and Classical detailing identified with Modern Classicism, the style popularized after World War I. The heritage attributes of the complex consist of the two-storey T-shaped plan where, beneath the flat roof with a chimney, the exterior walls are clad with buff brick and trimmed with stone. The principal (northeast) facade has a frontispiece with a parapet and keystone, a two-storey surround incorporating an entry with sidelights and transom beneath a monumental window opening, and a pair of medallions with Classical motifs. The detailing is continued on the side walls, which display central frontispieces flanked by two-storey-window surrounds with flat-headed window openings. The Fire Hall at the rear of the Leaside Municipal Building places trios of flat-headed window openings with panels above oversized entrance doors. The single-storey addition on the McRae Drive elevation is not included as a heritage attribute.

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o North York Community Council, North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge Street, Ground Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M2N 5V7, within thirty days of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2004. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2004.

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