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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Context (Loretto) Inc.
229 Yonge Street, Suite 500
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Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
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Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 385 Brunswick Avenue (Ward 20-Trinity-Spadina) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

The property at 385 Brunswick Avenue is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural resource value or interest. Opening as the Loretto Abbey Day School, the building was completed in 1914 for the Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin (or Loretto Sisters) as an elementary and secondary school for female students with accommodation for the students and the sisters. The institution was renamed Loretto Abbey College School in 1918 and remained in this location throughout the 20th century. Toronto architect Neil Begg designed the structure with features of Edwardian Classicism, applying Beaux-Arts design principles in the scale, the tripartite organization of the west façade, and the application of Classical elements. Loretto Abbey School is located on the east side of Brunswick Avenue, north of Lowther Avenue, where it terminates the vista looking east from Barton Avenue. A prominent feature of the Annex neighbourhood, Loretto Abbey School is architecturally significant as an important example of early 20th-century scholastic design.

The heritage attributes of the Loretto Abbey School consist of the ell-shaped plan (created with the addition of the southeast wing), the exterior walls with openings, and the flat roof. The structure is clad with red brick and trimmed with brick, wood and pre-cast stone. A raised base has artificial stone channeled to resemble fine stone. Above the base, the walls extend three stories, except at the west end where an additional floor is set back above a cornice and topped by a parapet that runs across the west and portions of the north and south ends. The organization of the principal (west) façade into three parts is emphasized with the recession of the five-bay centre block that contains

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the main entrance. A curved staircase rises to an open porch with Tuscan columns and a triangular pediment that protects a pair of wood doors with a leaded-glass transom. A two-storey bay window is placed above the entrance, while flat-headed window openings with lintels and sills are found in each level. On either side of the centre block, the walls extend three bays. In the second floor, single curved oriel windows are faced with pre-cast stone and flanked by three-storey brick-faced bay windows. The pattern of oriel, flat-headed and bay windows is repeated on the south elevation and wing where a secondary entrance is found. The remaining walls display flat-headed openings. The boiler house and chimney at the east end of the complex and the interior elements are not included in the Reasons for Designation.

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Toronto and East York Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 4th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 6th of August, 2004. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 6th day of August, 2004.

Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk