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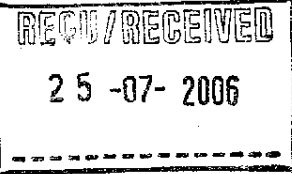
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
420 BLOOR STREET EAST
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**



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 420 Bloor Street East (Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation:

420 Bloor Street East: Dominion Bank Branch

Description:

The property at 420 Bloor Street East is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design or physical value, historical or associative value, and contextual value. Located on the northwest corner of Bloor Street East and Sherbourne Street North, this branch of the Dominion Bank (forerunner to the Toronto-Dominion Bank and TD Canada Trust) was completed in 1912 following the issuance of a building permit.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value:

The cultural heritage value of the property at 420 Bloor Street East is related to its design or physical value as a representative example of an early 20th century bank branch designed with features of Edwardian Classicism. Popularized for commercial and residential buildings after 1900, the style is characterized by smooth brick surfaces and restrained detailing from the Classical tradition.

The cultural heritage value of the Dominion Bank Branch also relates to its historical association with Toronto architect John M. Lyle, whose commissions of note included the Royal Alexandra Theatre,

Runnymede Library and Union Station (in partnership). Lyle designed numerous branches for the Dominion Bank, and the Bloor and Sherbourne Branch has been described as a prototype for the later banks (Geoffrey Hunt, John M. Lyle: toward a Canadian Architecture, 1982, 77).

The cultural heritage value of the Dominion Bank Branch is also connected to its contextual value as the anchor building at the northwest corner of Bloor Street East and Sherbourne Street North. The bank originally terminated Bloor Street East before the completion of the Prince Edward Viaduct and its associated roads and bridges over the Don Valley to the east. With its scale and setback, the bank complements the building formerly known as Hooper's Drugs (1928) at 407 Bloor Street West (on the southwest corner of Bloor and Sherbourne, opposite), which is recognized on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

Heritage Attributes:

The heritage attributes of the property at 420 Bloor Street East relating to its cultural heritage value as a representative example of Edwardian Classicism are found on the exterior walls and the roof, which is extended by a brick parapet. Particular attention is focused on the principal facades facing south and east toward Bloor and Sherbourne streets where the attributes consist of:

- The plan, rising two extended stories above a limestone base
- The application of red brick cladding with brick and stone trim
- The roofline, which is marked by a brick parapet extending across the south, east and north elevations and displaying a stone balustrade, coping, scrolled brackets and a decorative panel with shield; and, beneath the parapet, the stone cornice with a nameband reading "THE DOMINION BANK"
- The organization of the principal (south) façade, with a modified ell-shaped plan that is recessed at the west end; the treatment of the remaining three bays, which are symmetrically organized by stone pilasters with acanthus leaves decorating the capitals; in the centre bay, the placement of the main entrance in an oversized stone surround with an entablature with brackets; the upper storey above the entry, which contains a flat-headed window opening with a double window, stone lintel and brick flat arch with stone corbel stops; on either side of the entry, the large window openings in the first storey and the three-part window openings in the upper floor with brick and stone trim; at the west end, the secondary entry, which is set in a stone surround and separated from the single window opening in the upper floor by a stone panel engraved "THE DOMINION BANK CHAMBERS."
- The east elevation, facing Sherbourne Street North, with flat-headed window openings between decorated pilasters (the stone base has been altered)

The rear (north) wall lacks some of the decorative detailing, apart from a frontispiece with a window opening and an entablature at the west end. The west wall, which faces the neighbouring building, has brick cladding and no distinguishing features.

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, Attention: Christine Archibald, Administrator, Toronto and East York Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 12th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 24th of July, 2006, **which is August 23, 2006**. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 24th day of July, 2006.

Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk