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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
18 ST. THOMAS STREET (WINDSOR ARMS HOTEL)
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

The Windsor Arms Hotel Corporation
18 St. Thomas Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5S 3E7

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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18 St Thomas Street (Windsor Arms Hotel)

Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 18 St. Thomas Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

Description

The property at 18 St. Thomas Street is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage values, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the categories of associative and contextual values. Located on the northeast corner of St. Thomas and Sultan Streets, the Windsor Arms Hotel (1999) is a four-storey commercial building that is incorporated at the base of a 19-storey residential condominium.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Windsor Arms Hotel has cultural heritage value for its historical associations with the original hotel that occupied the property between 1927 and 1996, and the continuation of the historical uses of the site as a familiar and popular destination for dining, accommodation and gatherings. From its origins as a private apartment hotel, the Windsor Arms grew into a venue of local renown that hosted both local patrons and international celebrities. In 1976, the famed Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) was founded on this site as the "Festival of Festivals", and the current hotel remains one of the key locations associated with this celebrated annual event in the city.

Contextually, in its historical location anchoring the northwest corner of St. Thomas and Sultan Streets in the Bloor Yorkville neighbourhood, the Windsor Arms Hotel is valued as a local landmark in Toronto.

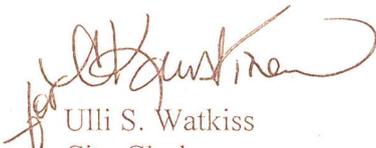
Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the four-storey structure on the property at 18 St. Thomas Street are:

- The placement, orientation and setback on the northwest corner of St. Thomas and Sultan Streets
- The scale, form and materials
- Marking the main (east) entrance, the stone surround with the shaped parapet, gold-lettered name band, doorcase in the form of a Tudor arch and Neo-Gothic detailing that is from the original Windsor Arms Hotel (1927)
- The stained glass windows on the east façade and, on the interior, the fireplace surround in the first-floor tearoom, which are from the original Windsor Arms Hotel (1927)

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, Attention: Rosalind Dyers, Administrator, Toronto and East York Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 2nd Floor, West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of November 27, 2013, which is December 27, 2013. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 27th day of November, 2013.



Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk