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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, S. 29 and S. 67**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES
IN THE CITY OF HAMILTON, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY
AS 130 (120) BAY STREET SOUTH**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: The Ontario Heritage Foundation,
10 Adelaide Street East,
Toronto, Ontario.
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton intends to designate the following property, including land and buildings, as a property of historic or architectural value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act: 130 (120) Bay Street South.

THE REASONS for the proposed designation are set out in Schedule "A" annexed hereto.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE is being published in The Spectator once a week for each of three consecutive weeks, commencing on the date set out below.

ANY PERSON may, within thirty days of the date set out below, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the City of Hamilton will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at the City of Hamilton this *4th* day of *OCTOBER* 1994.

Mr. J. J. Schatz,
City Clerk,
City Hall,
71 Main Street West,
Hamilton, Ontario.
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Schedule "A"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Former St. Mark's Anglican Church

130 (120) Bay Street South, Hamilton

In 1877, construction of St. Mark's Anglican Church began at the southwest corner of Bay Street South and Hunter Street West. By January 1878, the church had its first service. Subsequently, a corner bell tower was erected on its Bay Street facade and, in 1925, the Sunday school was added to the west end of the sanctuary. The grounds in front of St. Mark's traditionally have been landscaped, creating a park-like setting for the church.

Context

In today's setting of high-rise apartment towers to the north, west and south, the St. Mark's property provides a welcome contrast with its open space and low-rise building. Situated across from the public grounds of Central School and City Hall, the church's front garden serves as an attractive amenity for the surrounding neighbourhood.

Architectural Significance

The church and Sunday school together create a single storey, L-shaped structure with an attached three-storey tower. It is the fifth Anglican church to be erected in Hamilton and the first to be constructed in brick. As originally built in 1878, St Mark's was a typical parish church building, designed in the vernacular Gothic Revival tradition. Characteristic of this late 19th-century version is the rectangular, one-storey, brick structure with gable roof, buttresses, belfry, and pointed arched windows. St. Mark's Church is distinguished in the use of brick corbelling and sets of triple arched windows which formerly contained stained glass. A bell tower, built later, adds a strong architectural feature to the east facade, while the gothic Sunday school and entrance porch of 1925 blend harmoniously with the original design of the church.

Historical Significance

The parish of St. Mark's was founded in 1877 by H.G. Sutherland as the first "free pew" Anglican church in the city. St. Mark's is said to be the first Anglican church in Hamilton to introduce "advanced ritual" or high church service, daily service, Gregorian music, as well as many other innovations. After over a hundred years of serving the Anglican community, the church was closed and disestablished in 1989.

Designated Features

Of particular importance to the preservation of the former St. Mark's Church are the original features of the east, north, and south facades; the original window openings and doors; the Sunday School addition; the bell tower and the entrance porch. Also important to the site is the retention of the open green space which provides the church with an unique setting among the city's downtown churches.