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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
71 KING STREET EAST (E. HARRIS COMPANY BUILDING)
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

451098 Ontario Limited
75 King Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 71 King Street East (E. Harris Company Building) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

Description

The property at 71 King Street East (with a convenience address of 73 King Street East) is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the categories of design, associative and contextual values. Located on the south side of King Street East, east of Leader Lane, the E. Harris Company Building (1839, with a new façade added c. 1900) is a three-storey commercial building.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The E. Harris Company Building is a fine representative example of a commercial edifice updated in the 20th century with an Edwardian Classical design. While it shares its scale and setback along King Street with the neighbouring commercial buildings and the Albany Club at #91 King, the E. Harris Company Building is distinguished by its elaborate classical detailing that is also applied to the oriel windows with glass transoms that highlight the upper stories.

The property at 71 King Street East contributes to an understanding of the development and significance of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood as it evolved from its origins as "Old Town," survived the Great Fire of 1849 as the commercial and institutional heart of Toronto, and withstood the economic downturn of the area in the 20th century before it was revitalized in the 1960s. The E.

Harris Company Building pre-dates the Great Fire and, through its remodelling in the 20th century, contributes to the continuing vitality of the city's oldest neighbourhood.

Contextually, the E. Harris Company Building is significant in defining, maintaining and supporting the historic character of King Street in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood, which is identified by the low scale and appearance of the surviving stores, hotels, banks, warehouses and institutional edifices. As a commercial building dating to the mid 1800s that was undated at the turn of the 20th century, the E. Harris Company Building remains a significant component of a group of surviving commercial and institutional edifices that represent the evolution of King Street East as the Town of York's original "main street".

The E. Harris Company Building is also physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings on King Street East between Leader Lane and Church Street where it anchors the west end of a collection of commercial and institutional buildings from the late 19th and early 20th centuries that includes some of the oldest surviving structures in Toronto.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 71 King Street East are:

- The three-storey commercial building that shares its scale, massing and setback with the adjoining buildings to the east
- The materials on the principal (north) façade
- Along the north roofline, the cornice that extends above the roof
- The symmetrical organization of the three-bay north façade above the first-floor store front (which has been altered)
- The fenestration in the second and third floors, with oriel windows with decorative detailing in the centre bay and, in the outer bays, single flat-headed openings that are organized by piers with capitals and surmounted by decorative panels
- The Edwardian Classical detailing

Notice of an objection to the proposed designations 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 7, 2012, which is December 7, 2012. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 7th day of November, 2012.


 Ulli S. Watkiss
 City Clerk