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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
315 KING STREET WEST
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Claireville Holdings Limited
319 King Street West, #200
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 1J5

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M5C 1J3

Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 315 King Street West (Joseph Devlin Building) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Description

The property at 315 King Street West is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the provincial criteria for municipal designation under the categories of design and contextual values. The Joseph Devlin Building (1884) is a three-storey commercial building that is located on the south side of King Street West in the block west of John Street. The property was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 2009.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Joseph Devlin Building has design significance as a representative example of a late 19th century building that displays architectural features derived from the Italianate and Renaissance Revival designs popular for commercial edifices during this era. The building is distinguished by its red brick cladding with contrasting buff brick and stone applied for the window detailing, and the decorative basketweave brickwork in the blind transoms. With these features and its three-storey profile that rises above the adjoining buildings, the Joseph Devlin Building stands out in the block between John Street and Blue Jays Way on King Street West.

Contextually, the property at 315 King Street West is historically linked to the King-Spadina neighbourhood as it evolved from its origins as an institutional and residential enclave to a commercial and industrial sector in the late 19th century. Following the relocation of the first Toronto General Hospital, the original Upper Canada College and the Provincial Legislature from the district, which had attracted upscale housing, in the late 1800s King Street West reverted to commercial uses, particularly multi-storey buildings with residential units above the storefronts.

The block on King Street West, west of John Street, including the Joseph Devlin Building, is of special interest for its collection of surviving commercial buildings and is known locally as "Restaurant Row" with its proximity to the theatres in the city's Entertainment District.

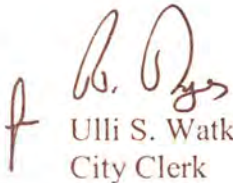
Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes:

- The three-storey commercial building
- The scale, form and massing
- The materials, with brick cladding and brick (red and buff brick) and stone detailing
- The principal (north) three-bay façade beneath the flat roofline
- The first-floor storefront, which has been remodelled as part of the evolution of the building, where the main entrance is currently found in the right (west) bay
- In the second storey, the segmental-arched window openings with brick flat arches
- Divided by brick piers with capitals, the flat-headed window openings in the third storey with corbelled stone sills, stone labels, round-arched blind transoms with basketweave brickwork, and buff brick hood moulds

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 January 9, 2012, which is February 8, 2012. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 9th day of January, 2012


Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk