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Mr. Allen Tyyska
Arts, Heritage & Cultural Industries Branch
Ministry of Citizenship, Culture & Recreation
77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2R9

Dear Mr. Tyyska:

Re: Notice of Intention - 410 King Street West, Kitchener

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener, at its meeting of Monday January 22, 1996, directed that a Notice of Intention be published, pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, with respect to the property located at 410 King Street West, Kitchener. A copy of the notice is attached for your information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (519) 741-2276.

Yours truly

Dianne H. Gilchrist
Committee Secretary

Enclosure



IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING
MUNICIPAL ADDRESS(ES) IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener intends to designate the following municipal address(es) as being of historic and architectural significance under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

410 King Street West

Kaufman Footwear, formerly the Kaufman Rubber Company Limited, was founded in 1907 by Jacob Kaufman (1847-1920). When the manufacturing facility opened for production in 1908 with 350 employees, it immediately became one of the largest industries in Berlin. The company's first products consisted of a variety of rubber footwear for the Canadian trade and for export to England, Australia, New Zealand and other countries. As production grew, the building expanded in 1911, 1920 and again in 1925 covering an entire city block and then employing some 700 employees.

This building is an excellent example of early industrial modernism architecture, and of the work of one of the 20th Century's greatest industrial architects, Albert Kahn (1869-1942). Built over a period of 17 years in phases dating 1908, 1911, 1920 and 1925, the building is representative of the evolving construction methods of the era and of the changes in industrial production, including the organization of work, greater attention to the welfare of the workforce and the dramatic growth of industries at the turn of the century.

The proposed designation includes the east, south and west elevations of the 1908, 1911, 1920 and 1925 phases of the main building, with the designation to include only the following features: the exposed concrete frame, window openings, cornice and dentil mouldings, primary leading roofline (to the height of the existing 1908 and 1911 building frame) and porticos, all applying to the 1908 and 1911 building phases; the exposed concrete frame, brick and concrete block infill panels (spandrels), concrete lintels and sills, glass and metal enclosed entranceway with closed transom, limestone Doric columns and architrave with frieze and inscription reading "Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd.", window openings, cornice and dentil mouldings, roof and roofline, entrance features of the entrance foyer, save for the reception counter line of the northwest wall from floor to underside of the height of the existing wall opening, all applying to the 1920 building phase; and the exposed concrete frame, brick and concrete block infill panels (spandrels), concrete lintels and sills, window openings, cornice and dentil mouldings, roof and roofline, all applying to the 1925 building phase. It is also proposed that certain alterations to the building be permitted. Further detailed information is available at the office of the Clerk, 2nd floor, City Hall, during regular office hours.

Any person may, before the 25th day of February, 1996, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Kitchener notice of his or her objections 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 Corporation of the City of Kitchener will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a Hearing and report.

