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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
25 ONTARIO STREET (ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, DRUG TRADING COMPANY)
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Sun News General Partnership
c/o Sun TV
25 Ontario Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5A 4L6

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 25 Ontario Street (Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

Description

The property at 25 Ontario Street 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 three categories of design, associative and contextual values. Located on the southeast corner of Ontario Street and Adelaide Street East, the Administrative Office of the Drug Trading Company (1942, with the second storey dating to 1946) is a two-storey commercial building. The site was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1974.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Administrative Office is a fine representative example of an office building from the World War II era designed as part of the Modern Movement in architecture with Art Moderne and Art Deco influences. Its design is distinguished by the sculpted panels highlighting the entrance on the principal (west) façade, the unusual treatment of the piers that adds visual interest to the horizontal arrangement of panels and fenestration marking the west and north walls, and the geometrical detailing beside and above the north entry on Adelaide Street East.

The Drug Trading Company, which commissioned the Administrative Office at 25 Ontario Street, is an organization of historical significance for its contribution to the development of the pharmaceutical industry in Canada. In operation for more than a century, the Drug Trading Company was innovative in its organization, marketing and support of the pharmacies under its

banner, its founding of subsidiaries for both the production of pharmaceuticals and promotion of the industry, and its early involvement in the development of dispensary technologies.

The Drug Trading Company's Administrative Office is functionally and historically related to its surroundings in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood where it has stood for over half a century. Anchoring a corner site, the Administrative Office was purposely built to face west on Ontario Street where the firm's other buildings occupied the opposite side of the road, creating a manufacturing complex along the short block between King and Adelaide Streets.

Heritage Attributes

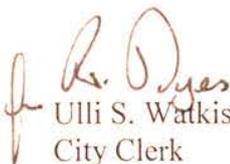
The heritage attributes of the property at 25 Ontario Street are:

- The scale, form and massing of the building, which extends two stories above a raised base with window openings.
- The materials, with red brick cladding and stone, concrete and metal detailing.
- The flat roofline above the second storey with coping along the west and north elevations.
- The fenestration on the principal (west) façade and north elevation on Adelaide Street East, where strip windows are organized by broad brick panels and separated by piers with unusual projecting detailing.
- The placement of the main entrance on the west wall, where it is inset in a stone surround with piers, surmounted by a stone bas-relief panel with sculpted figures and the words "Labour Cooperation Science", and flanked by stone panels with stylized imagery incorporating ships.
- On the north wall, the secondary entry at the east end that is set in a stone and brick surround with an overhang, with a grid pattern of decorative panels to the right and two round window openings above.
- The placement of the structure anchoring the southeast corner of Ontario Street and Adelaide Street East.

There are no distinguishing heritage attributes on the north elevation.

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 June 26, 2013, which is July 26, 2013. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 26th day of June, 2013.


Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk