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May 30, 2014

Ontario Heritage Trust
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(VIA COURIER)

Michael Brennan
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Recreation and Culture
Town of Oakville
1225 Trafalgar Road
Oakville, ON L6H 0H3

**Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate
133 Rebecca Street, Oakville, Ontario**

Attached please find the Notice of Intention to Designate the above-mentioned property which is served upon you in accordance with section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.18, (the "*Act*").

Pursuant to section 29(4.1) of the *Act* any person who objects to the proposed designation must file a notice of objection to the designation with the Town Clerk at 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3, no later than July 7, 2014.

Sincerely,

Francesca Piazza
Legislative Coordinator

Encls.

c.c. V. Tytaneck, Acting Town Clerk
D. Anderson, Director of Planning Services
J. Wice, Assistant Town Solicitor
R.S. Hannah, Senior Manager of Planning Services
C. Van Sligtenhorst, Heritage Planner

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

On May 26, Oakville Town Council resolved to pass a Notice of Intention to Designate the following property under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest:

Oakville Arena
133 Rebecca Street, Oakville, Ontario
PT LT 16, CON 3, AS IN TW10044, EXCEPT 603638, "473138" & 473277; LTS 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29, PL 161; OAKVILLE/TRAFALGAR "AMENDED OCT 14, 98 J. MENARD" S/T EASE OVER PT 1 PL 20R12877 AS IN H767539. S/T EASE OVER PT 2 PL 20R12877 A

Description of Property

The Oakville Arena is located on the north side of Rebecca Street between Felan Avenue and Kerr Street on the southern edge of Trafalgar Park in Oakville. The park includes the mid-20th century arena building, as well as other elements including public open space, tennis courts, a playground, basketball court, softball diamond and swimming pool.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Oakville Arena has physical and design value as a c.1951 arena complex designed by William Armstrong, an Oakville architect. Norman Hipel led construction and designed its Hipel truss roof, a simple and economic roof system for spanning large spaces like arenas. This roof, which gives the arena its distinctive character, is one of only four known surviving Hipel roof systems in Ontario arenas.

The building has historical and associative value for its association with Norman Hipel and with the many sporting, recreational, and social events held at the arena throughout its life as the central community centre in Oakville. The arena was home to the Oakville Blades for more than two decades and was the home arena for Otto and Maria Jelinek, World Champion pairs figure skaters. The history of sports, recreational, and social events gives this arena emotive and symbolic value.

The arena also has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its immediate setting. The arena maintains and supports the character of the park and surrounding area in scale, orientation, and function.

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than July 7, 2014. Objections should be directed to the Town Clerk, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 0H3.

Any inquiries may be directed to Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst heritage planner at 905-845-6601, ext. 3875 (TTY 905-338-4200), or by email at carolyn.van@oakville.ca.

The last date to file a notice of objection is July 7, 2014.