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IN THE MATTER OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990
CHAPTER O.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES
IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Mr. Jim Leonard
The Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the below-noted property, including land and building, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, section 29, of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended.

Property Description: Part of Lots 53 and 54, Concession 1 (MKM),
East of Yonge Street, being Part 1 on Plan 65R-12497,
Except Parts 1 and 3, Plan 65R-21577
Town of Richmond Hill

Municipal Address: 11181 Yonge Street
(*The Loyal True Blue and Orange Home*)
Town of Richmond Hill

Town File No.: D12-07482

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Loyal True Blue and Orange Home is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its architectural, associative and contextual value.

The Loyal True Blue and Orange Home is a two and a half storey structure located in Richmond Hill on the east side of Yonge Street that was a former residence for orphaned children. Retaining much of its original exterior, the structure is now a private school. The rear of the subject structure was modified sometime after 1980, with an architecturally sympathetic addition, however the primary heritage attributes located on the main façade remain intact.

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The structure, which was constructed between 1921 and 1923, contains significant design value. It is the only example of institutional Colonial Revival architecture in Richmond Hill and one of the few examples of this kind of institution left in the province. The building exhibits assorted entablatures and classically inspired architectural detailing. The attention to detail and the grand profile of the building demonstrates a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit. The well-known institutional architect David Randall (D.R.) Franklin designed the structure and William Graham, a well-known local builder was in charge of construction.

The property contains significant historical value as well as associative value. The property is associated with the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada, the Ladies Orange Benevolent Association and The Loyal True Blue Association of Canada. These three Protestant associations combined their fundraising efforts to finance the construction and operation of The Loyal True Blue and Orange Home for children's welfare during the late 19th and 20th century. At this time, there were few organized groups that focused on children's welfare, however the number of orphaned children was increasing due to the First World War, the influenza pandemic of 1919 and an increase in immigration. The Loyal True Blue and Orange Home was one of a number of Protestant children's homes in Canada housing children from the ages of 3-12 prior to the later establishment of Provincial and Federal social support systems.

Contextually, the property is physically, visually and historically connected to its location on Yonge Street. Historically, the property is linked to Yonge Street and the Radial Railway that once ran north and south along the street. The railway provided a means of efficiently transporting children out of the city to the country and allowed for a larger facility to be constructed on cheaper land in the country. Visually, the structure is slightly set back from Yonge Street, but remains a highly recognizable and landmark structure within the area.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the Colonial Revival design value of The Loyal True Blue and Orange Home include the following:

- The building's scale, massing and form;
- Two and a half storey on a high foundation storey;
- The materials, red brick cladding and wood;
- Original U-shaped plan with symmetrical centre wing and side wings;
- The formal, symmetrical composition with projecting central entrance pavilion;
- Classical details such as portico with large pediment and columns
- Steeply pitched side gable centre wing roof and hipped side wing roofs;
- Original wooden window frames with eight over eight, eight over twelve and twelve over twelve glazing;
- Brick voussoirs and concrete keystones;
- Gabled dormers with pilasters and round headed arch windows with thin glazing bars and lancet shaped lights;
- Wooden front door with glazing and transom lights;
- Entablature with dentils, columns and scrollwork surrounding door and upper window;
- Wooden window surrounds with dentils and slight label mould;
- Portico supported by Corinthian order columns;

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- Cornice with large and small dentils;
- Belvedere with round arched windows and copper tip;
- Balconies at side winds with dentals and metal railing;
- North and south side detailing with pilasters and cornice;
- Paired chimneys and parapet at north and south gables of centre wing;
- Designed arrival driveway;
- Setback from Yonge Street; and
- Open space and view of Yonge Street unobstructed by additional structures.

Notice of Objection

Any person who objects to the proposed designation shall, within 30 days after the publication of this notice, serve on the Town Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill, a Notice of Objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day to appeal the proposed designation is **September 2, 2014**. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Town Clerk or by Regular Mail at the following address:

Donna L. McLarty, Town Clerk
The Town of Richmond Hill
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill ON L4B 3P4

Gloria T. Collier

for Donna L. McLarty
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- c. The Loyal True Blue and Orange Home, 11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill ON L4S 1L2