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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY

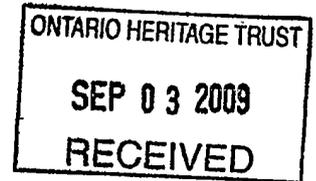
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Re: Notice of Intent to Designate as a Heritage Property by the Corporation of the
Town of Whitby – Station Gallery – 1450 Henry Street, Whitby, Ontario

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the above-noted Notice of Intent that was advertised in the August 12th, 2009 edition of the Whitby This Week newspaper.

We will advise in due course regarding the Notice of Passing.

Further information regarding the designation may be obtained by contacting Christy Chrus, Secretary-Treasurer, LACAC Heritage Whitby at 905-668-5803, ext. 2317.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Martha A. Pettit
Deputy Clerk

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cc: C. Chrus, Secretary-Treasurer, LACAC Heritage Whitby
R. B. Short, Director of Planning, Town of Whitby



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STATUTORY NOTICE **ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE AS A HERITAGE PROPERTY BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby, intends to designate the property, including the lands and building at the following municipal address as property of historical and architectural value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18 as amended 2005.

**Station Gallery
1450 Henry Street
Whitby, Ontario**

REASON FOR DESIGNATION OF 1450 HENRY STREET, WHITBY, ONTARIO

Historical

Since its construction in 1903, the Station Gallery has performed two valuable functions in the Whitby community. After long service as a Grand Trunk Railway Station and later, after financial problems necessitated the purchase of this line by the Federal Government in 1923, as part of the Canadian National network, the building was moved to 1453 Henry Street in 1970 and translated into an equally important community resource as the Town's Art Centre. Indeed, in this later guise the Station Gallery performs what might be termed a third function by amply demonstrating that heritage buildings can not only be important for their aesthetic, historical or associational appeal, but can also be made viable and cost effective through imaginative recycling and sympathetic restoration.

Completed as the 'Whitby Junction' in the fall of 1903, the Station Gallery was originally located at Byron Street on the north side of what was then the Grand Trunk Railway Line between Toronto and Montreal. There, it replaced the earlier Grand Trunk Railway Station located on the north side of the tracks east of the Victoria Street crossing (demolished).

The Grand Trunk Railway operated the Whitby Junction station until the takeover by the Federal Government in 1923 and the Canadian National maintained its active life until 1969, when the station was finally closed. By this time, abundant supplies of cheap gas, a vastly improved network of highways coupled with the greater flexibility of road transport, and consumer preference for the automobile had rendered the station redundant.

In 1970, the station was saved from demolition by the efforts of the Whitby Arts Incorporated, a non-profit group of citizens dedicated to the development of the arts in the community.

In 2004, the structure was relocated and renovated, to include an addition. It currently exhibits the work of local, national and internationally known artists and displays a fine array of touring shows from other galleries. It also offers weekly teaching programs and summer camp programs, as well as hosting a number of other events.

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Architectural

A product of the Grand Trunk Railway's 'Bridge and Building Department,' the Station Gallery is an exceptionally fine example of what has been termed the 'Railway Style,' a style whose hallmark was a copious overhanging roof which usually skirted the entire building to give protection for passengers on the platforms and entranceways.

Reflecting also an acceptance of the rational and picturesque system of High Victorian design, the internal functions of this low, turreted structure are readily identifiable from the exterior.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person may, before **September 11, 2009** send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Whitby, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the Town of Whitby this 12th day of August, 2009.

Martha A. Pettit
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