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November 8th, 2018

Via Registered Mail

Ms. Erin Semande
Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

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Dear Ms. Semande,

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

**124 Wellington Street East
Baldwin's Restaurant**

Lot 109 on Plan 246, Part of Lot 102 on Plan 246 being Part 1 on Plan 65R18213, Part of Lot 1 1st Range South of Centre Street West of Railroad on Plan 107 as in R559458 except Part 3 on Plan 65R21186, Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York, being all of PIN 03641-1648 (LT)

Please find attached a Notice of Intention to Designate, which includes a statement explaining the Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and a description of the heritage attributes of the above-noted property.

Pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, this Notice will be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality (The Auroran) on November 15th, 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Michael De Rond
Town Clerk

Attach.

c. Marco Ramunno, Planning and Development Services

**NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO DESIGNATE A BUILDING OF
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora intends to designate the following property as a property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended. A brief statement of reasons is included.

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Description of Property

The property known municipally as 124 Wellington Street East contains a three-storey brick commercial building located at the historically significant Wellington Street Railroad intersection.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Constructed circa 1920, Baldwin's Restaurant features pre-World War II Georgian Revival and Industrial architectural influence. The building features a flat roof, numerous sash windows and decorative brickwork. Historically, the building operated as a flour mill and was built by William Baldwin after the original mill further west on Wellington Street was destroyed by fire. The Baldwin building is located distinctively on the west side of the railway tracks, which was a prime location to easily transport goods and made the building an early community landmark at the busy Wellington railway intersection.

The prominent Baldwin family owned the property and operated the mill. William Baldwin and his son George Baldwin both served separate terms as Mayor of Aurora. George Baldwin was also the first Chairman of the Aurora Hydro-Electric Commission.

The Baldwin building is an important community landmark featuring a high degree of craftsmanship in its build. It is one of the last pre-World War II industrial buildings remaining in Town, was owned by one of Aurora's more prominent historical families, and its presence serves as a visual reminder of the early industrial and commercial growth of Aurora around the railway tracks.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Important to the preservation of the property are the original key attributes that express its value, which include:

Exterior Elements

- Flat roof
- Decorative brickwork including the third storey recessed half stone
- Symmetrical, well-proportioned design
- Light sash windows and east facing entrance door
- Stone window sills
- High horizontal belt course juxtaposed with vertical bands
- Stone cornice

DETAILED REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION CAN BE OBTAINED
BY CONTACTING THE UNDERSIGNED.

Pursuant to Section 29(5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, any person may, before 4:30 p.m. on the **17th day of December 2018**, (within 30 days of the publication of this notice) send by registered mail or deliver to the Town Clerk, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Aurora will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Town Clerk's Office upon request.

DATED at Aurora this November 15th, 2018

Michael De Rond, Town Clerk, Town of Aurora, 100 John West Way, Box 1000,
Aurora, ON, L4G 6J1