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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
281 CHERRY STREET (TORONTO HYDRO SUBSTATION)
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Toronto Hydro
Tax Department
14 Carlton Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 281 Cherry Street (Toronto Hydro Substation) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

Description

The property at 281 Cherry 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 categories of design and contextual values. Located on the east side of Cherry Street, north of Commissioners Street, the Toronto Hydro-Substation (1928) is a two-storey industrial building. The site was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 2003.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Toronto Hydro Substation at 281 Cherry Street is a modest example of Edwardian Classical styling with the typical red brick cladding, symmetry and classical detailing that elevates the appearance of the utilitarian building and complements in scale and appearance the former Dominion Bank (1920) at #275 Cherry.

Contextually, the Toronto Hydro Substation is historically, visually and physically related to its surroundings on the east side of Cherry Street between Commissioners and Villiers Streets where it stands as part of a group of low-rise commercial and industrial buildings that reflect the initial development of this section of the Toronto waterfront as the Port Industrial District.

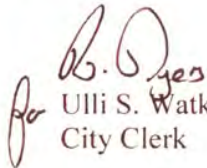
Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 281 Cherry Street are:

- The two-storey substation
- The scale, form and massing on a rectangular plan
- The materials, with red brick cladding, a stone base, and brick and stone detailing
- The flat roof that is sloped and marked by a parapet at the west end
- The narrow rectangular plan where the principal (west) façade is organized into three bays
- On the west façade, the flat-headed openings with a central entrance with brick piers and a stone entablature, the symmetrical fenestration with brick voussoirs and stone sills, the brick quoins, and the stone name band reading "Toronto Hydro-Electric System"
- The side elevations (north and south) that are visible from Cherry Street, with flat-headed openings on the south wall
- The placement and setback of the structure on the east side of Cherry Street

Notice of an objection to the proposed designations 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 November 7, 2012, which is December 7, 2012. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 7th day of November, 2012.


Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk