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# CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND 833 KING STREET WEST

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Janeve Corporation 852 King Street West Toronto, Ontario

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Triloft Developments (West 833) Limited 555 Richmond Street West, #602 Toronto, Ontario M5V 3B1

Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

Travicom Limited 833 King Street West, #106 Toronto, Ontario M5V 1N9

Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 833 King Street West under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

### Reasons for Designation

#### **Description**

The property at 833 King Street West is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the categories of design and contextual value. Located on southeast corner of King Street West and Walnut Street, three-storey building was constructed in 1934 for the Charles Hansen Canadian Laboratory. The property was listed on the inaugural City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1973, and a Heritage Easement Agreement was registered in 1997. The former laboratory building has been converted into a residential condominium.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Charles Hansen Canadian Laboratory is a good example of a small-scale industrial building that blends features of two of the most innovative styles of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Its design mixes

the flat roof and horizontal fenestration of the Art Moderne with the angular outlines and applied ornament of the Art Deco. The laboratory building was designed by E. L. (Earle) Sheppard, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania who specialized in industrial designs after opening his architectural practice in Toronto in 1919. Sheppard's plans for the site addressed the irregularly shaped lot, angled as Walnut Street extends northwest to meet King Street West. Contextually, with its distinctive appearance, stepped outline, and position overlooking Stanley Park to the west, the Charles Hansen Canadian Laboratory is a local landmark on King Street, west of Bathurst Street.

## Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Charles Hansen Canadian Laboratory related to its cultural heritage value as a good example of a small-scaled industrial building blending Art Moderne and Art Deco stylistic features are found on the principal (north façade), the west elevation, the east elevator shaft, and the flat roofline, consisting of:

- The three-storey irregularly-shaped stepped plan
- The concrete construction clad with buff brick and artificial stone
- The horizontal organization of the principal (north) facade where three floors of strip windows with metal muntins wrap around the west corner
- The stone band courses outlining the fenestration and the flat roofline
- The main entrance, where an elaborate stone doorcase with mouldings and an oversized ribbed keystone contains double doors and a transom with metal grillwork
- Flanking the entry, the pairs of narrow vertical windows that are set in full-height ribbed stone frames
- Above the east elevation, the elevator shaft that rises four stories and features rectangular windows with brick youssoirs and stone sills
- The balanced fenestration on the west elevation

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, Attention: Christine Archibald, Administrator, Toronto and East York Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 7th of August, 2007, which is September 7th, 2007. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 7th day of August, 2007.

Ulli S. Watkiss City Clerk