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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 LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE
YORK MILLS HOTEL - JOLLY MILLER TAVERN, 3885 YONGE STREET IN THE CITY
OF NORTH YORK, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of North York on the 6th day of October, 1997, decided to designate the lands and building known municipally as the York Mills Hotel - Jolly Miller Tavern, 3885 Yonge Street, as a property of architectural and historical interest or significance under The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter O.18.

Short Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

The York Mills Hotel, known today as the Jolly Miller Tavern, is recommended for *designation* on architectural and historical grounds.

The York Mills Hotel was constructed by John and William Hogg, who developed the Hogg's Hollow subdivision on their York Mills property in 1856. It was a focal point for the mill village, and a prominent feature of the commercial core of the community. It was a stopping place for the mail stage and omnibus between Toronto and Richmond Hill.

Like other 19th century inns and taverns, the hotel went through a succession of proprietors and periods of changing fortunes. During Prohibition in this century, the building housed a gambling den that was eventually closed down following several police raids. In 1930, the old hotel was remodelled with the intent of creating a prestigious dining establishment. It was re-named "The Jolly Miller", a name that remains in use to the present day. In more recent times, "The Miller" continued to function as a hotel and tavern, offering accommodation until about 1964.

Architecturally, the Jolly Miller Tavern evokes the Georgian Survival style of 19th century buildings in Ontario. Constructed of red brick, laid in a common bond pattern, it measures 2-1/2 storeys high and is based on a rectangular plan. It features a high-pitched gabled roof with boxed eaves. Generous amounts of wall space in relation to the size of the windows can be noted on most elevations. Elements such as the plinth, belt courses, quoins, jack arches, and ornate pendant frieze (east elevation) are highlighted in buff-coloured brick. The historic portion of the building has a rubblestone foundation that provides a basement under the west half of the building..

The symmetrical, 5-ranked front facade has a steep, centred cross-gable, containing a 6-over-6 sash window. Most windows at the second floor and attic level retain their original 6-over-6 sash. The four, corbelled chimneys at the gable-ends are restored versions of the originals. The much-altered interior originally had a centre hall plan. Vestiges of two fireplaces are thought to remain within broad projections on the south wall. Original interior elements of the building that also remain intact include mouldings, trims and doors located in the attic storey.

Objection to the *designation* may be served on the City Clerk within thirty days of November 15, 1997.

Dated at North York this 15th day of November, 1997.

D. Kelly
City Clerk