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SENT VIA REGISTERED MAIL: June 19, 2007

CITY OF ORILLIA

IN THE MATTER OF *The Ontario Heritage Act*,
R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands and premises
municipally known as 200 Bay Street South
in the City of Orillia in the Province of Ontario

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto On M5C 1J3

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia intends to designate the property municipally known as 200 Bay Street in the City of Orillia in the Province of Ontario as property cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

Description of the Property

Orillia Water Filtration Plant - 200 Bay Street South, Orillia, Ontario

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Water Filtration Plant's cultural heritage value lies in it being a wonderful example of small town Ontario waterworks, and a well-preserved example of early industrial architecture.

Situated on the shores of Lake Couchiching and adjacent to Couchiching Beach Park, the Water Filtration Plant is a well-known local landmark that has been representative of not only Orillia's potable water system, but also, through its subsequent additions, the growth in population of Orillia.

The original structure of the Water Filtration Plant was built in 1914, the same year as the Sir Sam Steele Building.

Description Of Heritage Attributes

The original building design is laid out in a classic 'bay' pattern in that the structural layout of brick pilasters makes a pattern of 5 – 12' bays by 3 – 12' bays. The original building measures approximately 72' x 42' and stands more than 20' high. The original structural system of open web steel joists (OWSJ) still supports the building. This is an excellent example of the structural system that would have been used early in the

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century. The steel joists are riveted together rather than welded as they would have been in more modern construction.

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The most beautiful and charming characteristic of the building is the windows – elegant brickwork with curved edges for the sills and window edges, limestone keystones, and a heavy arched shaped that has been retained. The fact that the glass has been replaced but the shape has been retained is a significant testament to the integrity and beauty of the original design.

A limestone sill surrounds the building. It can be safely assumed that the limestone was quarried locally, perhaps from Longford.

Another unique feature of the building is the ironwork hinges on the main doors facing the park – although they have been painted grey to match the door colour, it is recommended that they be painted out black to regain the look of the original wrought iron.

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Orillia notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at Orillia Ontario

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Laura S. Lee, Clerk