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August 9th, 2018

Via Registered Mail

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

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Dear Ms. Semande,

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

**15229 Yonge Street
The Willis Building
Lot 143, Plan 246, Part of Lot 1, E/S Yonge Street, Plan 68, Parts 1 and 3,
Plan 65R-135, Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York, being all of
PIN 03651-0030 (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 Auran) on August 9th, 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 15229 Yonge Street designed as *Italianate commercial architecture* contains a 2 storey commercial building located in the heart of Aurora's historic downtown on the east side Yonge Street.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Sited on the former location of the Stevenson Block, the Willis Building was erected in 1905 for William C. Willis, a harness maker. After Willis went out of business in 1911, the building accommodated a number of other retail services including another harness-maker, a merchant and a tailor. For almost ninety years, this building has housed restaurants, beginning in 1929 with Dan's Café, Aurora's first Chinese restaurant, which may well have also been Aurora's first free-standing restaurant.

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;
- elaborate metal cornice with four brackets;
- decorative brick work including four corbels and an architrave;
- brick voussoir;
- fenestration on the front elevation features three windows on the second storey.

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 **10th day of September 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 August 9th, 2018

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