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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND  
108 MUTUAL STREET  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

To: D. Merchandise Building Inc.  
5255 Yonge Street  
Suite 804  
North York, Ontario  
M6N 2P4

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 3rd day of February, 1997 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 108 Mutual Street (Sears Warehouse).

**Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation**

The property at 108 Mutual Street, known as the Sears Warehouse, is recommended for designation for architectural reasons. The complex features three buildings: the original warehouse, erected in 1910; the Mail Order Building, erected in 1916 according to the design of Max Dunning and Burke, Horwood and White Associate Architects; and another warehouse, erected in 1930 according to the design of Frank S. Corley.

The original brick warehouse building has five storeys. The main (west) elevation features five recessed bays which span the second, third and fourth floors. A flat roof covers the building. Adjoining this building to the east, and extending north to Gould Street, is the 11-storey Mail Order Building. It features reinforced concrete construction, a centrally situated entrance block with a curved entrance canopy, brick trim and spandrel panels bearing diamond, panel and "x" motifs, an open-air fire escape, and pedimented centre and end bays with pyramidal metal roofs.

The 1930 warehouse building, adjoining the other buildings to the north and west, features elements of the International Style. The 11-storey building displays red and buff brick, concrete detailing, ribbon windows and a flat roof.

The Sears Warehouse building complex was, until 1992, one of the oldest major industrial buildings still in use in the downtown core. Featuring significant examples of multi-storey warehouse design, the buildings serve as an important reminder of the industrial and architectural history of the City of Toronto.

The Toronto Historical Board's Heritage Property Report (Long Statement of Reasons for Designation) respecting the property is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Department at City Hall and the offices of the Toronto Historical Board.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, Second Floor, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 11th day of March, 1997, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 11th day of March, 1997.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sydney K. Baxter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sydney" and last name "Baxter" clearly distinguishable.

Sydney K. Baxter  
City Clerk