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The Corporation of the City of Hamilton
BY-LAW NO. 88- 202

To Designate:

LAND LOCATED AT MUNICIPAL NO. 286 SANFORD AVENUE NORTH

As Property of:

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE AND INTEREST

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton did give notice of its intention to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with subsection 29(3) of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection was served on the City Clerk as required by subsection 29(5) of the said Act;


AND WHEREAS it is desired to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with clause 29(1)(a) of the said Act.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

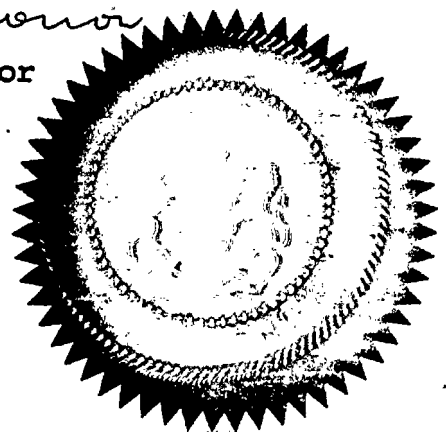
1. The property located at Municipal No. 286 Sanford Avenue North and more particularly described in schedule "A" hereto annexed, is hereby designated as property of historic and architectural value and interest.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation set out in schedule "B", to be registered against the property affected in the proper registry office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed,
 - (i) to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation to be served on the owner and The Ontario Heritage Foundation by personal service or by registered mail;
 - (ii) to publish a notice of this by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality of the City of Hamilton, for three consecutive weeks.

PASSED this 30th day of August

A.D. 1988.


City Clerk


Mayor



Schedule "A"

To

By-law No. 88- 202

THE CANADIAN WESTINGHOUSE HEAD OFFICE

286 Sanford Avenue North,
Hamilton, Ontario

All of Lots 15 and 28, and part of alleyway as closed by City of Hamilton By-law No. 2035, registered as Instrument 178542 Hamilton and as Instrument 535 By-law, Plan 167, in the City of Hamilton, in the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 62R-9241.

SCHEDULE "B"

To

By-law No. 88-202

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

THE CANADIAN WESTINGHOUSE HEAD OFFICE

286 Sanford Avenue North
Hamilton, Ontario

The Canadian Westinghouse head office at 286 Sanford Avenue North was erected in 1917, directly south of the company's main plant. Designed by the Hamilton architectural firm of Prack & Perrine, the original five-storey brick and stone clad building had a dignified presence in the City's rapidly growing industrial east end. With the increased height gained by the addition of two more stories in 1928, the building acquired a taller, narrower profile while retaining all of its original architectural features. Today the Westinghouse office building dominates the surrounding low-rise buildings and open spaces and is a prominent landmark in the Barton Street/Sanford Avenue area.

Designed by the predecessor of Prack & Prack, architects of the Pigott Building (1929) and the Lister Block (1923), the building is representative of the industrial office buildings designed by Canadian architects in the early 20th century. The Westinghouse head office was an attractive and functional building designed to accommodate the company's executive and office staff as well as to project a successful corporate image. The advanced reinforced concrete construction is expressed in the modern grid-like composition of the building's two end sections. More traditional is the classical treatment of the top and bottom floors, expressed by the decorative stone cornice, string courses, and arched window and door surrounds with prominent keystones. Another noteworthy feature of the original design was the suspended ornamental metal canopy over the main entrance doorway (removed in 1969 or 1970). Decorative plaques between the arched openings of the first storey display the Westinghouse logo.

The City of Hamilton was selected as the site of the Canadian Westinghouse headquarters following the company's incorporation in 1903. The erection of a large head office building symbolized its impressive growth, from a small railroad air brake manufacturing firm established at this location in 1897 by George Westinghouse to one of the country's leading manufacturers of electrical equipment. The 1928 addition to the building following the first major expansion of the company's production facilities - the completion in 1924 of its west end plant. Throughout its history, the Canadian Westinghouse Co. (now Westinghouse Canada Ltd.) has played a major role in Hamilton's industrial growth and made an important contribution to the development of new types of electrical apparatus: notably, transformers, hydro-electric generators (used in Ontario Hydro stations on the Niagara River), radios, stoves and refrigerators.

Important to the preservation of the Canadian Westinghouse head office building are the original architectural features of all four exterior facades, including the brick masonry walls, the stone trim and the wood-framed, double-hung windows, but excluding the modern entrance doors on the east and west facades.