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The Town of Richmond Hill

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October 14, 1992

Registered Mail

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, RSO 1990, CHAPTER 0.18  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES  
IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the following property, including lands and building, as a property of historic or architectural value or interest, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1990, Chapter 0.18:

Municipal Address            1378 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill

Legal Description:            Part of Lots 26 and 27, Concession 2, EYS, being Part  
1 on Plan 65R-6156

Historical Reference:        Richmond Hill Railway Station

Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

The Richmond Hill Railway Station is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

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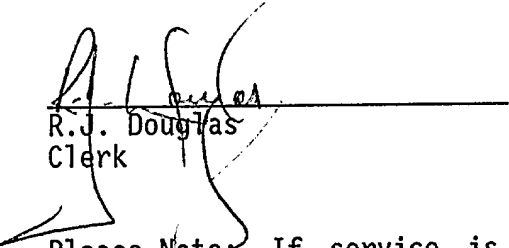
The station was built in 1906 by the James Bay Railway, later renamed the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway. The line was acquired by Canadian National Railways in 1923, who closed the station in 1975. In 1979, the building was moved to Richmond Green.

The station, built in the Queen Anne Revival style, was originally clad in a combination of wood sidings and had a wood shingled roof. Significant exterior features include the original windows, canted bay window, five-panelled doors, flat architraves, hip roof with three gables, eave details, west wing, and "RICHMOND HILL" sign boards.

A more detailed reasons for designation is attached for your review.

Any person who objects to the proposed designation shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of this notice serve on the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill, a notice of objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Clerk or by registered mail. Where service is made by registered mail, the service shall be deemed to be made on the seventh day after the day of mailing unless the Clerk establishes that he did not, acting in good faith, through absence, accident illness or other cause beyond his control, receive the objection until a later date.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill before the 13th day of November, 1992.



R.J. Douglas  
Clerk

Please Note: If service is made by registered mail, it is not effective unless and until it is actually received by the Clerk and the responsibility for ensuring it is received within the prescribed time rests with the person filing the objection. If such a notice is actually received after the prescribed time, it will not be accepted by the Clerk as a valid objection.

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The Richmond Hill Railway Station is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The station was built in 1906 on the James Bay Railway line, constructed from Toronto to Sudbury between 1905 to 1908. By the time the railway began operating in November of 1906, the name had been changed to the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway, later changed again to the Canadian Northern. The line was acquired by Canadian National Railways in 1923.

The station formed the nucleus of Richmond Hill's first modern industrial district, located on the east side of the village. Until its closure in 1975, the station was a busy passenger and freight depot. It was also a popular meeting place for local children during the period of station agent Y.B. Tracy's employment, 1911 to 1953. Tracy was a community-minded individual who had a special interest in organizing children's activities.

After a period of standing vacant and boarded up, the station was relocated to Richmond Green in 1979 by the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association, to serve as their clubhouse.

Constructed in the highly decorative Queen Anne Revival style, the station was originally clad in a combination of horizontal clapboard, vertical wainscotting, decorative panels of angles tongue and groove wood below windows, and sunburst-patterned clapboard in the gables. The station was trimmed with prominent corner boards and false half timbering.

The broad hip roof with three gables was originally clad in wooden shingles. The small, gable-roofed west wing was added in circa 1923.

Significant exterior features include the original windows, canted bay window, transomed entrance, five-panelled doors, and flat architraves. Also significant are the tongue and groove soffits, the flat fascia, the shingle and bed mouldings, and "RICHMOND HILL" sign boards in the north and south gables.