



## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

### ***Description of the Property – Former Canadian Pacific Railway Station, 1198 First Avenue East***

The Former Canadian Pacific Railway Station is located at 1198 First Avenue East, on the west side of the street, bounded by 11<sup>th</sup> Street East to the south and 12<sup>th</sup> Street East to the north, in the City of Owen Sound.

### ***Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest***

The Former Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) Station in Owen Sound was designated federally under the *Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act* in 1995. The character of the property, the exterior of the building, and select interior features are protected by an Ontario Heritage Trust conservation easement.

The Owen Sound CPR Station has historic or associative value because it reflects post-World War II railway development which demonstrates efforts made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to upgrade and modernize a small number of strategically placed stations across Ontario. In 1884 the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway opened a railway line to provide western grain shippers with easy access to ocean ports. Owen Sound was a crucial provincial transportation point, providing a key link between the CPR's Great Lakes rail and water shipping enterprises. The Owen Sound Station was constructed as part of the CPR's modernization program which began after World War II. The Owen Sound CPR Station was one of four stations built as part of this modernization program's pilot project to test for public approval. It is the only CPR station from this era to remain intact. The new stations were designed by CPR engineers to adapt all space to the most economical use, and to implement modern structural improvements and new building materials. This station displays a spirit of post-war ideals and stands out among its contemporaries for the integrity of its design and the success with which modern architectural principles were applied. CPR stations constructed and modified throughout the 1950s and 1960s, particularly throughout Ontario's north, followed the modern aesthetic put forth in this pilot project.

Architecturally, the Owen Sound CPR Station is an excellent example of post-World War II Modern architecture. It is one of the earliest examples of Modern architecture in Ontario. In the composition of its massing, as well as in its materials

and details both inside and out, the influences of the European International Style have been combined to represent what Ontario historian Ron Brown has called "a radical departure in railway station design". At the same time, traditional Ontario railway station elements continue to be present in this new interpretation of a 100-year-old form.

The property has contextual value because the station reflects the long-standing importance of the CPR to the development of Owen Sound, first seen in the company's combined railway and shipping facilities constructed there in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Community Services Department, Planning Division.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, may be filed with the Clerk of the City of Owen Sound before August 30 , 2010.

Dated at the City of Owen Sound this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010.

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