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on July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2007

Enacted by Council:

### **CITY OF TORONTO**

**Bill No. 251** 

#### BY-LAW No.

To designate the property at 1100 Lansdowne Avenue (Canada Foundry Company Warehouse) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 100 Lansdowne Avenue (Canada Foundry Company Warehouse) as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as 1100 Lansdowne Avenue and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be posted on the City's web site for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, §162-4, Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection was served upon the Clerk of the municipality.

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

- 1. The property at 1100 Lansdowne Avenue, more particularly described in Schedule "B" and shown on Schedule "C" attached to this by-law, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
- 2. The City Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
- 3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property at 1100 Lansdowne Avenue and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be posted on the City's web site for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, §162-4, Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

ENACTED AND PASSED this day of April, A.D. 2008.

SANDRA BUSSIN,

Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

#### **SCHEDULE A**

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

# **Description**

The property at 1100 Lansdowne Avenue is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design, historical and contextual value. Located on the west side of Lansdowne Avenue, south of Davenport Road, the two-storey Canada Foundry Company Warehouse was constructed in 1903 as documented in historical records. The property was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 2004, followed by authority to enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement.

## Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Canada Foundry Company Warehouse has design value as a well-designed industrial building that is noted for its massive scale, roof shape and Classical detailing. For most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the property was occupied by industrial uses that contributed to the historical development of the Dovercourt neighbourhood. A factory complex dating to 1903 with warehouses, an office building and a powerhouse was constructed on a 25-hectare (60-acre) site for the Canada Foundry Company, manufacturers of steel and cast iron products, including railway tracks, bridge components, fences, grilles and staircases. The company was drawn to the area because of its proximity to the railway tracks that mark the west and south ends of the property. In 1923, the Canada Foundry Company and its property were absorbed by the Canadian General Electric Company, producers of electrical and related equipment, which occupied the premises until 1981. Contextually, the warehouse is a visible component of the former industrial complex that extends along Lansdowne Avenue, south of Davenport Road.

## Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Canada Foundry Company Warehouse related to its cultural heritage value as a well-designed large-scaled industrial building featuring Classical detailing are found on the exterior walls and roof, consisting of:

- The large rectangular plan that rises two extended stories under a gable roof with a monitor
- The red brick cladding with brick and wood detailing
- The principal (south) façade, featuring a frontispiece that is flanked by lower wings
- The large segmental-arched entranceway with a transom that is placed in the lower storey of the frontispiece
- Flanking and surmounting the entry, the segmental-arched window openings that are taller in the second storey
- Above a course of corbelled brick, the broken pediment marking the brick-clad gable end of the monitor
- On either side of the frontispiece, the truncated wings that feature returned eaves, a corbelled brick course and segmental-headed window openings
- On the side walls (east and west), the brick piers and a brick belt course that organize pairs of segmental-arched window openings with brick voussoirs and wood sills

- The placement of the window openings on the east elevation, which are taller in the first floor, except at the north end where their height is reduced to correspond with a change in the grade along Lansdowne Avenue
- The rear (north) wall, where the window openings are asymmetrically placed and the detailing is simplified in comparison to the south façade

# **SCHEDULE B**

PIN 21325-0332 (LT)
PART OF BLK O ON PLN M208 DESIGNATED AS PART 14 ON
PLAN 66R21150 SAVE & EXCEPT PART 18 ON PLAN 66R22695 &
PART 19 ON PLAN 66R23350

City of Toronto and Province of Ontario Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2007-310 dated December 10, 2007, as set out in Schedule "C".

