

Authority: Toronto South Community Council Report No. 2, Clause No. 13,
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on March 1, 2 and 3, 2004
Enacted by Council: October 28, 2005

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 948-2005

To designate the property at 71 Front Street West (Union Station) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 71 Front Street West (Union Station) 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 71 Front Street West and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality as required by 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 to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

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

1. The property at 71 Front Street West, 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 71 Front Street West and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Toronto as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 28th day of October, A.D. 2005.

DAVID R. MILLER,
Mayor

ULLI S. WATKISS
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

SCHEDULE “A”

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The property at 71 Front Street West is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural resource value or interest. Union Station was completed in 1927 as the shared terminal of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Grand Trunk Railway (later part of Canadian National Railways). Union Station extends across a city block from Bay to York Streets where it is set back from Front Street in an open plaza that emphasizes its scale. With the Dominion Public Building to the east and the Royal York Hotel, opposite, Union Station forms part of a precinct of landmark buildings around the Front and Bay intersection.

Opening as the largest railway terminal in Canada, Union Station is historically significant as the transportation hub of Toronto. Architecturally, Union Station is considered the best example of a Canadian railway facility designed in the Beaux Arts tradition. The design is recognized as the collaboration of the Montreal firm of Ross and Macdonald with CPR architect Hugh Jones and the noted Toronto architect John Lyle. Union Station was declared a National Historic Site by the federal government in 1975, and was among the first properties designated under the Canadian Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act in 1989.

Union Station blends the monumentality, Classical inspiration and spatial planning of the Beaux Arts style with Canadian iconography. The heritage attributes consist of the exterior walls and roofs, the moat and team ways, and selected areas on the interior, principally in the Great Hall, West Wing and Concourses. Clad with limestone and rising the equivalent of seven stories from a raised base, the exterior of the complex is organized with a centre block flanked by wings that terminate in pavilions. Behind a Doric colonnade that identifies the principal entrance, the centre block is extended by a raised attic and covered by a hipped roof. The cornice continues across the adjoining wings (east and west) where the symmetrically placed flat-headed window openings decrease in height in each storey. On the ends, hipped roofs and oversized round-arched entrances distinguish the pavilions. Classical detailing with inscriptions and a datestone marks the north façade. The train shed is not included in the Reasons for Designation.

On the interior, the rational spatial arrangement is identified as a significant feature. From the central Great Hall (ticket lobby), a ramp extends down to the departures concourse, which is flanked by the arrivals corridors that lead to the arrivals concourse where the moat provides access to Front Street. In the Great Hall, the overall scale and Classical detailing, the vaulted, tiled and (at the ends) coffered ceilings, the marble floors and limestone walls, the thermal and clerestory windows, the oversized round-arched openings, the stairs to the arrivals concourse below, and the carved inscriptions are significant elements. The Classical detailing and oversized skylight that mark the waiting room in the West Wing, the design of the departures ramp, the columns in the departures concourse, and the original vitrines in the arrivals corridors are notable elements. Important original finishes, detailing, fittings, fixtures and hardware throughout the building are identified on the drawings in the Review of Heritage Zones (1999) prepared by the federal government. Detailed descriptions of the property are found in the federal government’s Heritage Character Statement (1989) and Commemorative Integrity Statement (2000).

SCHEDULE “B”

City of Toronto, Province of Ontario, in the Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66), being composed of:

FIRSTLY:

PIN 21396-0071 (LT).
PT LT 1, 3 PL 12164 TORONTO PT 13 & 14 64R16698

SECONDLY:

Part of PIN 21396-0072 (LT).
PT LT 1, 4 PL 12164 TORONTO PT 24 & 26 64R16698

THIRDLY:

Part of PIN 21396-0040 (LT).
PT LT 3 PL 12164 TORONTO PT 25 64R16698

FOURTHLY:

PIN 21396-0070 (LT).
PT LT 8-9, 11 PL 12164 TORONTO PT 16, 20 & 22, 63R4759 EXCEPT PT 35,
37 & 38, 64R16698.

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2005-131 dated October 14, 2005, as set out in Schedule “C”.

SCHEDULE "C"

