

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora intends to designate the following property as a property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended.

**34 Berczy Street
T. Sisman Shoe Factory
Lot 7 W/S Berczy St and Part of Lot 8 W/S Berczy Street, Plan 68
Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York,
being part of PIN 03650-0157 (LT)**

In 1901, The "Underhill & Sisman Shoe Manufacturing Company" moved to Aurora, ON from Markham, ON, acquired 34 & 38 Berczy Street from the Spence family, and contracted George Thomas Browning, a local architect and builder, to construct the shoe factory building at 34 Berczy Street. The company completed construction of a 2-storey factory on the site (later to be known as "Factory No. 2") within the same year.

34 Berczy Street (the "Building") once was a stone and brick building which has now been covered with cream-coloured stucco. The Building currently has very limited visual references to the Sisman Shoe Factory complex and remained vacant for several years until it was purchased by the Newell family who undertook extensive interior and exterior renovations to the building. Further renovations were completed on the property in 2002 to accommodate new offices. Today, the buildings resemble something more akin to a multi-unit suburban commercial building.

34 Berczy Street has historical or associative value due its direct association with the T. Sisman Shoe Factory and its notable contributions to Aurora's history. The company manufactured various shoes and boots including for fashion, work, and sport, and specialized in steel-toe safety shoes, army and police type shoes, and oxfords to keep up with import pressures. Starting in 1940, the company received the first in a series of contracts from the federal government to manufacture shoes for the war effort. The T. Sisman Shoe Factory was one of the Town's largest employers. By March of 1902, the plant employed nearly 100 and produced 600 pairs of shoes daily.

The building has contextual value as it is associated with the early industrial landscape associated with the Aurora Train Station, which facilitated the shipment of Sisman shoes and boots across Canada and beyond.

DETAILED REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE UNDERSIGNED.

Pursuant to Section 29(5) of the Ontario Heritage Act, any person may, before 4:30 p.m. on **June 11, 2022**, (within 30 days of the publication of this notice) send by registered mail or deliver to the Town Clerk, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town shall consider the objection and make a decision whether or not to withdraw the Notice to designate the property, within 90 days after the end of the 30-day period.

Further information respecting the proposed designation(s) is available from the Town Clerk's Office upon request.

DATED at Aurora this May 12th, 2022.

Michael De Rond, Town Clerk, Town of Aurora, 100 John West Way, Box 1000, Aurora, ON, L4G 6J.