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## IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND 106 TRINITY STREET CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

40 Delisle Avenue Suite 502 Toronto, Ontario M4V 1S6 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse 106 Trinity Street Toronto, Ontario M5A 3C6

Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, 2000, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 106 Trinity Street (Enoch Turner Schoolhouse) (Don River).

## Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The property at 106 Trinity Street is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. In 1848, Enoch Turner Schoolhouse was completed as the first free school in the City of Toronto, providing accommodation for over 200 pupils. Enoch Turner, a wealthy brewer, financed the construction of the school to educate the children of the poor Irish Protestant immigrants in the Corktown neighbourhood. The plans might be attributed to architect Henry Bowyer Lane who designed the adjacent Little Trinity Church in 1845. The complementary west wing was completed in 1869 according to the plans of Toronto architects Gundry and Langley. In 1910, the south addition was built.

Enoch Turner Schoolhouse is designed in the Early Gothic Revival Style and displays a church-like appearance. The 1848 schoolhouse features a 1-&-1/2-storey rectangular plan beneath a gable roof with a brick parapet on the east face. The building is constructed of red brick with patterned buff brick, stone and wood detailing. On the principal (east) façade, a gable-roofed porch contains a pointed-arch entrance with a stone surround, a board-and-batten door, and a carved wood transom. The entry is flanked and surmounted by lancet windows with stone hood moulds and lug sills. A stone plaque reading "SCHOOL HOUSE ERECTED BY ENOCH TURNER, A.D. 1848" is placed above the entrance. On the five-bay north wall, piers organize tall lanced windows on either side of a segmental-arched door opening with brick voussoirs and paired board-and-batten doors. The 1-&-1/2-storey west wing features a hip roof with crossgables, lancet windows, and segmental-arched door openings. The single-storey flat-roofed

south addition complements the main building with its cladding and fenestration. The exposed truss roof in the west wing is an important interior feature.

The property at 106 Trinity Street is located on the west side of Trinity Street, south of King Street West. Enoch Turner Schoolhouse is an important early example of Gothic Revival design in Toronto. The school complex and the adjacent Little Trinity Church and Rectory form an important institutional enclave at the southwest corner of King and Trinity Streets. Enoch Turner Schoolhouse is an historical and architectural landmark in the Corktown neighbourhood and in the City of Toronto.

Heritage Toronto's Heritage Property Report (Long Statement of Reasons for Designation) respecting the property is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Division at City Hall and the offices of Heritage Toronto.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Frances Pritchard, Administrator, Toronto Community Council, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000.

Novina Wong ( City Clerk

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