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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
56 SPRUCE STREET
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of October, 2000, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 56 Spruce Street (David Cornell House) (Don River).

Short Statement of Reasons for Designation

The property at 56 Spruce Street is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. The house was constructed in two parts, with the two-storey tail added after the front section was completed in 1872. David Cornell, a baggage master and conductor on the Grand Trunk Railway, was the first owner. Beginning in 1896, three generations of the Etwell family resided in the house.

The David Cornell House is a worker's house that is constructed of frame, clad with stucco and trimmed with wood. Rising two stories, the ell-shaped plan is organized into a main body and a rear (north) wing that are covered by gable roofs with a brick chimney at the west end. Important features on the principal (south) facade are the segmental-headed window openings with wood surrounds, sills and windows, the main entrance with the single-leaf panelled wood door with a glazed panel, wood surround and transom, and the open verandah with a shed roof, gable with shingle cladding, and wood detailing. There are flat-headed window openings on the narrow south wall of the main body and on the west wall of the rear wing. The east elevation abuts the neighbouring house at 58 Spruce Street. The rear (north) wall of the wing is not included in the "Reasons for Designation". On the interior, the side-hall plan of the house is identified as an important feature. There is a double parlour on the west side of the main floor. On the east wall, a staircase extends from the first to the second storey. Between the staircase and parlour, the hall leads to the former kitchen on the first floor of the rear wing. The

interior retains original features; of particular note are the wood floors, the wood mouldings and trim and, in the kitchen, the pressed tin ceiling.

The property at 56 Spruce Street is located on the north side of the street in the block between Dermott Place and Sackville Street. Completed in 1872, the David Cornell House was retained for half a century by the original owners and for over 100 years by their successors. One of the earliest surviving buildings on Spruce Street, it is an intact example of worker's housing in Toronto. The David Cornell House is one of a number of architecturally and historically significant buildings on Spruce Street and an important feature of the Cabbagetown neighbourhood.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Frances Pritchard, Committee Administrator, Toronto Community Council, 4th Floor, West Tower, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto M5H 2N2 within thirty days of the 25th of October, 2000, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant acts.

Dated at Toronto this 25th day of October, 2000.



Novina Wong
City Clerk


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