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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
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171 OLD FOREST HILL ROAD
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

[REDACTED] Ontario Heritage Foundation

171 Old Forest Hill Road
Toronto, Ontario
M6C 2G7

Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th of August, 2000, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 171 Old Forest Hill Road (William Moore House) (North Toronto).

Short Statement of Reasons for Designation

The property at 171 Old Forest Hill Road is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. The rear (west) portion of the building was purportedly completed in 1824 for Captain William Moore, a farmer and a veteran of the War of 1812. The main (east) body dates to circa 1835. Three generations of the Moore family occupied the site.

The William Moore House is an excellent example of a Regency Cottage in the former City of Toronto. The building is organized into two parts with a 1½-storey main body (east) and single-storey rear (west) wing. Both portions are constructed of brick and covered by low-pitched hipped roofs with extended eaves with mouldings. The roof of the main body has gabled dormers and four pairs of brick chimneys. A single chimney is placed on the wing. The principal façade originally faced east toward Bathurst Street. It is symmetrically organized with the entrance positioned between pairs of oversized flat-headed window openings with brick voussoirs and sills. The single panelled wood entrance door is surmounted by a flat transom. Pairs of flat-headed window openings are asymmetrically positioned on the south and north walls. Similar window openings are found on the west wing where a rear entrance marks the west wall. The openings contain six-over-six sliding sash windows. Many of the door and window openings display louvered shutters.

Significant interior areas identified in the main body are the first-floor entrance hall, double parlour (north), library (southeast), bedroom (southwest), rear hall and stairs, the upper storey, and the basement hearth. The kitchen (currently a dining room), pantry (currently a kitchen), and the enclosed verandah (currently a bedroom) are important areas inside the wing. The interior displays Classical detailing with moulded baseboards, ceiling mouldings, plaster ceiling medallions, fireplace surrounds and mantels, and built-in cabinetry. The pine floors are original. The interior features are described in detail in the Heritage Property Report (Long Statement of Reasons for Designation).

The William Moore House is located on the north side of Old Forest Hill Road northwest of Eglinton Avenue West and Bathurst Street. One of the earliest surviving buildings in the former City of Toronto, the William Moore House is an important example of a Regency Cottage. The property reflects the early history of the area before the development of the north part of Forest Hill Village.

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 16th of August, 2000, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 16th day of August, 2000.

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City Clerk
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