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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE MICHAEL SHEPARD HOUSE, 101 SENLAC ROAD IN THE CITY OF TORONTO, NORTH YORK REGION, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on the 27th, 28th and 29th of July, 1999, decided to designate the lands and building known municipally as the Michael Shepard House, 101 Senlac Road, as a property of architectural and historical interest or significance under The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter 0.18.

Short Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

The Michael Shepard House stands as one of three domestic structures that survive from the legacy of the Shepard family. An enterprising family, the Shepards settled in the historic village of Lansing at the beginning of the 19th century and helped to foster its economic and industrial growth by establishing a number of farms, mills and mercantile businesses in the area.

With his wife Margaret, Michael Shepard built a two-storey, Georgian brick dwelling in 1859 on Lot 17, Concession 1 WYS. In 1916, the property was purchased by the Trustees of The Toronto General Burying Grounds for the purpose of developing a cemetery. Today, the building continues to function as administrative offices under the organization's new name - *The Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries*.

The historical significance of this former residence is derived in part from Michael Shepard's participation in the Rebellion of 1837 and his escape from a Kingston penitentiary. During the Rebellion, Michael and his three brothers - Thomas, Joseph Jr., and Jacob, supported William Lyon Mackenzie and the Reform Party's endeavors to seize the City of Toronto.

Architecturally, the Michael Shepard House is fashioned in the *Georgian Survival Style*. Its massing takes the form of a two-storey, rectangular block with a one-and-a-half storey kitchen wing. Both the house and its kitchen wing feature Cedar shake, gable configured roofs. Incorporating a pleasing symmetry, the three-ranked facade of the Michael Shepard House is generally considered to be less common among Georgian buildings in the region. All elevations incorporate symmetrically placed, six-over-six sash windows.

Significant features of the house include: the wooden roof eaves articulated by curvilinear brackets; the paired double-stack chimney flues; the prostyle wooden portico; and the quarter-round apertures located within the gable ends. On all elevations, buff coloured brick highlights elements such as jack-arched lintels, belt courses, corner quoins, friezes, and the plinth. The front (east) elevation features Flemish bond brickwork with Common bond used on all other facades. The basement of the Michael Shepard House is constructed from fieldstone foundations. Interior elements and spaces are not covered by the 'Reasons for Designation'.

The Michael Shepard House is elevated on a raised site and is greatly enhanced by open space on its east, south and north sides. The house together with its lands (now developed as open space/cemetery use) provide an important understanding of the original farm property and considerable insight into the rural character of the area.

Notice of objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk within thirty days of August 20th, 1999.

Dated at Toronto this 20th day of August, 1999.

Novina Wong
City Clerk