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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND
317 QUEEN STREET EAST
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: 1175484 Ontario Inc.
317 Queen Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 18th day of November, 1996 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 317 Queen Street East (Berkeley Street Wesleyan Methodist Church).

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The property at 317 Queen Street East, known historically as the Berkeley Street Wesleyan Methodist Church, is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. The church was erected in 1871 according to the design of the Toronto architectural firm of Smith and Gemmell.

Displaying elements of the Gothic Revival style, the red brick building has a stone foundation and is covered by a gabled roof. The church features stepped buttresses and brick pilasters, a raised, centrally situated main entrance flanked by smaller aisle entrances, pointed windows containing geometrical tracery and stained glass, stone sills, stone and metal hood moulds, brick corbelling at the cornice level and metal pinnacles.

Situated on the southwest corner of Queen Street East and Berkeley Street, the former church is a reminder of the social and architectural development of the City of Toronto.

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

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, Second Floor, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 29th day of November, 1996, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 29th day of November, 1996.


Barbara G. Caplan
City Clerk