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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337 AND
20 GERRARD STREET EAST, CITY OF TORONTO
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

■ [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

✓ Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto has passed By-law No. 80-90 to designate the above-mentioned property.

Dated at Toronto this 20th day of February, 1990.

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Barbara G. Caplan
City Clerk

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No. 80-90. A BY-LAW

*To designate the Property at 20 Gerrard Street East (Willard Hall)
of architectural and historical value or interest.*

(Passed January 29, 1990.)

Whereas by Clause 14 of Neighbourhoods Committee Report No. 2 adopted by Council at its meeting held on January 29, 1990, authority was granted to designate the property at 20 Gerrard Street East architectural value or interest; and

Whereas the Ontario Heritage Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest; and

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as 20 Gerrard Street East and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

Whereas the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" hereto; and

Whereas no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the clerk of the municipality;

Therefore the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as 20 Gerrard Street East.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Toronto.

ARTHUR C. EGGLETON,
Mayor.

BARBARA G. CAPLAN
City Clerk.

Council Chamber,
Toronto, January 29, 1990.
(L.S.)

SCHEDULE "A"

In the City of Toronto, in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and Province of Ontario, being composed of Lots 2, 3, 4 and part of Lot 5 on the north side of Gerrard Street, now Gerrard Street East, according to Plan 22A registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Toronto (No. 63), the boundaries of the said land being described as follows:

COMMENCING at the south-westerly angle of the said Lot 2, at present defined by the intersection of the westerly face of a brick wall with the northerly limit of Gerrard Street East, said point being distant 33.83 metres measured easterly on said limit from the easterly limit of Yonge Street;

THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Gerrard Street East, 45.82 metres;

THENCE northerly to and along the east face of a brick garage and thence still northerly to and along the east face of the Willard Hall Building situate on the herein described land, in all, 30.50 metres to the northerly face of said building;

THENCE westerly along the northerly limits of the said Lots 5, 4, 3 and 2, being along the northerly face of said Willard Hall Building 46.09 metres to the north-westerly angle of Lot 2 aforesaid, said point being distant 33.86 metres measured easterly on a line parallel with Gerrard Street East from the easterly limit of Yonge Street;

THENCE southerly along the westerly limit of Lot 2 aforesaid 30.68 metres to the point of commencement.

SUBJECT to an Easement on that part of the said Lot 2, more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that the northerly limit of Gerrard Street East as shown on Plan BA-790 registered in the said Land Registry Office as Instrument CT157879 has an astronomic bearing of North 73 degrees 18 minutes and 15 seconds East and relating all bearings herein thereto, then;

COMMENCING at a point which may be located as follows;

BEGINNING at the intersection of the easterly limit of Yonge Street, with the northerly limit of Gerrard Street East;

THENCE North 73 degrees 18 minutes and 15 seconds East along the northerly limit of Gerrard Street East aforesaid, 33.83 metres to its intersection with the westerly face of a brick wall defining the existing westerly limit of the said Lot 2;

THENCE North 17 degrees 33 minutes and 30 seconds West along the existing westerly limit of the said Lot 2, a distance of 13.24 feet, more or less, to the south-westerly corner of a low brick wall, said corner being the point of commencement of the herein described land;

THENCE North 17 degrees 29 minutes and 15 seconds West continuing along the existing westerly limit of the said Lot 2, a distance of 2.02 metres, more or less, to the northerly face of the said low brick wall;

THENCE North 73 degrees 55 minutes and 00 seconds East along the said northerly face of wall, 0.20 metres, more or less, to the south-easterly corner thereof;

THENCE South 74 degrees 40 minutes and 35 seconds West along the southerly face of the said low brick wall 0.20 metres, more or less, to the point of commencement.

The easterly limit of Yonge Street and the northerly limit of Gerrard Street East as confirmed under the Boundaries Act by Plan BA-790 registered on December 30, 1975, as CT157879.

The said land being most recently described in Instrument CT945983.

SCHEDULE "B"

Reasons for the designation of the property at 20 Gerrard Street East:

The property at 20 Gerrard Street East (Willard Hall) is designated on architectural and historical grounds. The east section of Willard Hall was built in 1911-12 for use as a residence for young women from outside the City. The prominent architectural firm of Burke, Horwood and White were commissioned to design the building and it is a very good example of their work. Ten years later the building was extended to the west and a fourth storey was added to complete the existing significant architectural form.

The symmetrical facade is distinctive for its two, four-column porticos to emphasize the arched entrance doorways and the three, two-storey bay windows, all of which have a decorative iron railing at roof level. The overall architectural character is Georgian with regular fenestration in red brick walls with stone band courses, keystones and sills. A continuous cornice at the third storey level acts as a base for the attic storey which has a central gabled parapet and name band which are flanked at each end by pilasters and a cornice centred above the end bay window features. The building surrounds an interior court space with the main public spaces generally in the south wing.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union (W.C.T.U.) was founded by Frances Willard in the United States about 1874 to promote temperance and reduce alcohol abuse. The Toronto chapter was founded by Mrs. Grant McDonnell in 1893 when the first shelter was established on Elm Street. In 1911 the Gerrard St. East property was acquired. In recent years transient and immigrant women of many nationalities have found a home in Willard Hall.

Willard Hall is an important architectural and historical landmark in downtown Toronto.