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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
150 ST. GEORGE STREET: WILLIAM CROWTHER HOUSE
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 150 St. George Street under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

Description

The property at 150 St. George Street is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design, historical and contextual value. Located on the west side of St. George Street, south of Bloor Street West, the 2½-storey house form building was completed in 1889 and converted for institutional uses in the 20th century. The property was included on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 2005, and authority has been granted for a Heritage Easement Agreement. The Reasons for Designation include the William Crowther House and the portions of the south wing (1960) described in the heritage attributes below. The carriage house originally attached to the rear (west) wall of the house has been demolished.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The William Crowther House is architecturally significant as a good example of a late 19th century house with Queen Anne Revival styling that typifies the large-scale residential buildings that were

constructed along St. George Street when it was part of a prosperous residential neighbourhood between Bloor Street West and the core of the University of Toronto campus. The Queen Anne Revival style is identified by its mixture of materials and details, typical of the blending of architectural influences at the close of the 1800s.

Historically, the property is associated with the development of the University of Toronto, which gradually acquired the late 19th century houses along St. George Street and converted them for institutional uses. The house form building was completed in 1889 for William Crowther, a Toronto merchant who resided there until 1926. The following year, the China Inland Mission, an international organization formed in the mid 19th century to spread Christianity throughout China, occupied the premises. The Canadian Medical Association, a national organization of Canadian physicians, purchased the site in 1955 as the location of "CMA House" and commissioned Toronto architects Allward and Gouinlock to design the south wing in 1960. The property currently houses the University of Toronto's Department of Economics.

The William Crowther House has contextual importance as it reflects the evolution of St. George Street, south of Bloor Street West, from a late 19th century residential enclave to a major corridor through the University of Toronto campus lined with important buildings that are recognized on the City's heritage inventory.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the William Crowther House related to its design value as a good example of Queen Anne Revival styling are found on the exterior walls and roof, consisting of:

- The 2½-storey plan under a hipped gable roof with gabled dormers and gables with elaborate woodwork (the brick chimneys have been altered)
- The red brick cladding with brick, sandstone and wood trim
- The principal (east) façade, with the two-storey bay window, the open wood porch with intricate detailing that protects the main entrance, and the single flat-headed window opening surmounting the entry
- On the side (north and south) elevations, the fenestration consisting of segmentally-arched and flat-headed window openings placed according to the interior arrangement

The rear (west) wall of the William Crowther House is not included in the Reasons for Designation.

Designed in the Georgian Revival style and attached to the south wall of the William Crowther House, the heritage attributes of the south wing are related to its historical value in reflecting the 20th century evolution of the property for institutional use. The heritage attributes are found on the remaining portions of the principal (east) and south facades, consisting of:

- The two-storey walls under a flat roof with a parapet and a cornice with dentils
- The red brick cladding, with brick, stone and wood trim
- The flat-headed window openings with voussoirs, keystones and multi-paned sash

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, Attention: Christine Archibald, Administrator, Toronto and East York Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 12th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 7th of August, 2007, **which is September 7th, 2007**. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 7th day of August, 2007.

Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk