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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND  
93 BALSAM AVENUE  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

To:

93 Balsam Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4E 3B8

Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> days of July, 1998 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 93 Balsam Avenue (William J. Gardiner House) (East Toronto).

**Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation**

The property at 93 Balsam Avenue is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. The house at 93 Balsam Avenue was completed in 1899 for Toronto jeweller William J. Gardiner. It was the residence of Toronto artist Nancy Caudie Wright from 1940 until her death in 1997.

The William J. Gardiner House is a single-storey bungalow constructed of wood frame and clad in shiplap siding. The rectangular plan is covered by a hip roof with a brick chimney. The roof extends over an open raised wraparound verandah with wood detailing. On the symmetrically organized principal (west) facade, the central entrance has a panelled wood door. The principal (west) facade and side walls display extended flat-headed window openings with multi-paned windows and shutters. There are small rectangular windows on the north wall and a single bay window on the south wall. The interiors and three rear (east) additions to the original house are not included as significant elements in the Reasons for Designation.

The William J. Gardiner House is located on the east side of Balsam Avenue north of Queen Street East. It is indicative of the modest wood frame houses constructed when East Toronto developed as a seasonal community east of Toronto and an important surviving example of the early growth of the Balmy Beach neighbourhood.

Heritage Toronto'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 Heritage Toronto.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Frances Pritchard, Interim Contact, Toronto Community Council, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1998, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1998.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Colleen Bell".

For Novina Wong, City Clerk