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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND  
~~2245 LAWRENCE AVENUE WEST~~  
CITY OF TORONTO, 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 October 2, 3 and 4, 2001, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 2245 Lawrence Avenue West (Humber Heights Consolidated School) (Etobicoke North) (Ward 2).

**Short Statement of Reasons for Designation**

The property at 2245 Lawrence Avenue West is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. Humber Heights Consolidated School was constructed in 1921 according to the designs of architect J. B. Cook. The school was a consolidation of three earlier schools in School Section #5 of Etobicoke Township. Opening in January 1922, Humber Heights Consolidated School was described as the most modern school in Ontario with the latest equipment. The building, which contained an entrance hall and auditorium flanked by six classrooms, was extended to the south by a two-room addition in 1924. The school served as a temporary morgue, health unit and emergency fire station following Hurricane Hazel in October 1954. After the closure of the school in 1982, the Etobicoke Board of Education used the facility as a Board Centre.

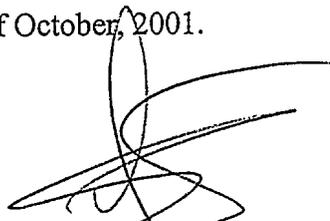
Humber Heights Consolidated School was designed in the Georgian Revival style identified by the use of Classical prototypes. Rising one storey above a brick and stone foundation, the original school and the south addition are clad with buff brick and trimmed with brick and stone. The buildings are covered by hip roofs with brick chimneys, three skylights and, on the west

slope, a shed-roofed dormer. The principal (north) façade facing Lawrence Avenue is organized symmetrically into three extended bays. The centre bay is slightly recessed and contains the main entrance. Beneath a segmental pediment, a columned portico incorporates a datestone marked "MCMXXI". Double doors with a multi-paned fanlight are decorated with a stone hood mould, keystone and corbel stops. On either side of the entry, three flat-headed window openings have stone sills and keystones, brick voussoirs and multi-paned windows. The outer bays display trios of round-arched window openings with stone and brick detailing and multi-paned windows. The pattern and detailing of the window openings is continued on the side walls (east and west) where large round-arched window openings are arranged in groups of four and separated by pairs of smaller window openings, some with blind arches. A pedimented entrance with the nameplate "BOYS" is located at the north end of the west wall. The east (1949) and west (1959) wings are not included in the Reasons for Designation.

The property at 2245 Lawrence Avenue West is located on the south side of the street, east of Westona Street. Humber Heights Consolidated School is elevated above Lawrence Avenue and the Humber Valley to the east in a landscaped setting. Humber Heights Consolidated School is an excellent example of Georgian Revival design and, historically, reflects the post-World War I development of the Humber Heights neighbourhood of Etobicoke.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Mary Casini, Committee Administrator, Etobicoke Community Council, Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall, Etobicoke, Ontario M9C 2Y2 within thirty days of the 26th of October, 2001, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 26th day of October, 2001.



Ulli S. Watkiss  
City Clerk

  
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