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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
6741 STEELES AVENUE EAST,
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE.

Mr. Chris Vandereest Hydro One, 12th Floor 483 Bay Street, North Tower Toronto, Ontario M5G 2P5 Ontario Heritage Foundation 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, at its meeting held on May 30, 31 and June 1, 2001, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 6741 Steeles Avenue East (Clark-Reesor House) (Scarborough-Rouge River) (Ward 42).

Short Statement of Reasons for Designation

The property at 6741 Steeles Avenue East is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. The house was built for James Clark about 1864. It is known as the Clark/Reesor House because David N. Reesor, a descendant of the Scarborough Mennonite family, occupied the site for forty years.

The James Clark House is designed in the Georgian style, popular for domestic architecture in the 19th century and characterized by the simplicity and symmetry of the design. The house features a T-shaped plan with a 1½-storey body and a single-storey wing. The gable roof displays mouldings with paired brackets beneath the east and west eaves, buff brick end chimneys, and an extended brick chimney on the south wall. Constructed of wood on a stone foundation, the exterior has clapboard cladding with cornerboards. The principal (north) façade is organized into three bays. A simple wood plank door with a wood surround is positioned between single flat-headed window openings with wood lintels and sills, six-over-six sliding sash windows, and louvered wood shutters. The side (east and west) walls feature a single window opening in the first floor and a pair of window openings, slightly reduced in height, in the half-storey. The house is extended to the rear (south) by a single-storey kitchen wing that is an integral part of the design. The wing is covered by a gable roof with flared eaves that extend to cover an open verandah on the east side and a closed verandah on the west side. The east verandah, supported on a pair of turned posts, protects an entrance and a flat-headed window opening. A single door and window

opening are found on the west verandah while, on the south wall, the openings are placed according to the interior arrangement.

The property at 6741 Steeles Avenue East is located on the south side of the street between Reesor Road (east) and Sewells Road (west). The rural setting contains mature black walnut trees. The Clark-Reesor House is an important example of a pre-Confederation farmhouse associated with two long-term residents of Scarborough.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Margaret O'Neil, Administrator, East Community Council, Scarborough Civic Centre, 3rd Floor, 150 Borough Drive, Toronto, Ontario M1P 4N7 within thirty days of the 15th of June, 2001, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 15th day of June, 2001.

Jeffrey A. Abrams Acting City Clerk

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