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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
750 DAVENPORT ROAD
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

The City of Toronto
c/o Parks and Recreation
24th Floor, Metro Hall
55 John Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 750 Davenport Road (Tollkeeper's Cottage) (Ward 21 – St. Paul's) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

The property at 750 Davenport Road (Tollkeeper's Cottage) is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural resource value or interest. Built in the early 19th century, the Tollkeeper's Cottage is architecturally significant as an early dwelling constructed in the vertical plank and batten method. The Cottage is historically important as one of the few remaining office and living spaces for the tollkeepers who collected monies for the upkeep and creation of new roads in the 19th century. The Tollkeeper's Cottage was moved several times from its origin at the south east corner of Bathurst Street and Davenport Road. In recent history it occupied sites at 370 Howland Avenue and 76 Wychwood Avenue before relocating to its permanent address at 750 Davenport Road, opposite the first site it stood upon.

Heritage attributes of the Tollkeeper's Cottage are found on the exterior and interior of the building. Standing one storey tall on a simple rectangular plan, the building has been reoriented 180 degrees to face east at its new location. Pine is the principal construction material of the roof, walls and floor. The building is protected by a hipped roof supported by approximately 38 to 50 cm-wide roof boards, rafters and trusses. The roof incorporates a corbelled brick chimney, hand-split shingle cladding and wooden brackets with a plain soffit and fascia (the roof has been entirely rebuilt except for a segment of the original roofboards). A particularly important element of the exterior is the rare vertical plank and batten wall construction that is fastened by square cut nails and sheltered by weatherboard siding (rebuilt). Dimensions of the vertical planks are




approximately 5 1/2 cm thick and 60 cm wide. Exterior elevations have square-headed openings, including the Tollkeeper's window on the east facade (rebuilt), and the larger windows and external doors. The front, four panelled door was once framed by a porch asymmetrically positioned in the east facade.

Important interior features include a short attic, simple mouldings around the window and door openings, the central location of the hearth, a wood floor constructed in tongue and groove (partially rebuilt) and rived lath and plaster walls (partially rebuilt). The floor plan configuration consists of two smaller rooms partitioned off the main room or Tollkeeper's office.

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Toronto South Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 4th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 8th of October, 2003. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 8th day of October, 2003.



Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk

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