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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND  
550 BAYVIEW AVENUE  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

Conservation Authority  
5 Shoreham Drive  
Downsview, Ontario  
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Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, at its meeting held on December 4, 5 and 6, 2001, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 550 Bayview Avenue (Don Valley Brick Works) (Toronto-Danforth, Ward 29).

**Short Statement of Reasons for Designation**

The property at 550 Bayview Avenue (Don Valley Brick Works) is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. Founded in 1889 and open for a century at this location, the Don Valley Brick Works is one of the oldest brick works in the province and was the longest operating facility in Toronto and Ontario. Brick products produced by the company encompassed technological innovations of the industry and were used in many of Toronto's landmark buildings. Clay and shale were extracted for brick production from the quarry to the north of the buildings, the North Slope of which is of particular geological significance.

The following buildings are recommended for designation. The Office (Building 1), Welding Shop (Building 3), and Lunchroom (Building 5) date to the early 1900s and form a group of low-rise brick-clad buildings flanking Mud Creek at the west end of the site. In the centre, the Sand-Lime Storage Building (Building 4), Sand-Lime Brick Production Plant (Building 6-7), and Sand-Lime Brick Storage Shed (Building 8) are structures added during the 1920s and 1960s as components of the series of sand-lime brick production plants on the property. They abut the series of structures comprised of the Clay-Shale Storage Building (Building 9), Clay-Grinding Building (Building 10), and Screening and Dust Collection Building (Building 11) that range in date from 1891 to 1925 and were variously associated with the stiff-mud, dry-press and soft-mud production lines. At the east end of the site, the Holding Room (Building 12), Brick Storage

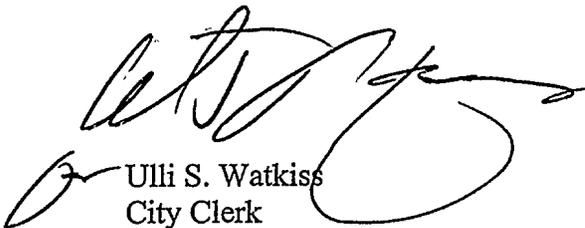


Shed (Building 13), Wire-Cut Brick Production Plant (Building 14), Dry-Press Brick Production Plant (Building 15) and Tunnel Kiln and Dryer (Building 16) were added during the 1950s through the 1970s. The Valley Chimney (Building 17), dating to 1906, is the last remaining chimney on the property and a landmark in the Don Valley. The architectural and historical significance of these buildings is described in the Heritage Property Report (Long Statement of Reasons for Designation).

The property at 550 Bayview Avenue is located on the north side of the street as it curves east and north toward Pottery Road. The property included in the designation is bounded by Bayview Avenue on the south, the east and west property lines and, on the north, the North Slope of the former quarry. The boundaries encompass the paved brick courtyard known as "Chimney Court" that separates the buildings from the quarry, the quarry garden with its wetlands and wildflower meadow, and the excavated and reconstructed channel of Mud Creek. The Don Valley Brick Yards contains an important collection of industrial buildings that reflect the history of brick making in Toronto and Ontario. The property is a landmark in the former municipality of East York and a dominant feature of the Don Valley.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Frances Pritchard, Committee Administrator, Toronto East York Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 21st of August, 2002, setting out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 21st day of August, 2002.



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