



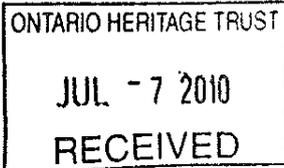
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
407 HURON STREET
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE



Ontario Heritage Trust
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 407 Huron Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

Description

The property at 407 Huron Street is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the categories of design, associative and contextual value. Found on the east side of Huron Street in the first block south of Bloor Street West, the Thomas Wilson House (1890) is a 2½ storey house form building. The property is located within the University of Toronto campus precinct.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Thomas Wilson House is a rare and representative example of Queen Anne Revival design, the popular late 19th century style identified by its asymmetry, mixture of materials and variety of architectural elements. The Thomas Wilson House is set apart from other residential buildings in the neighbourhood by its distinctive 2 ½ storey bay window that is deliberately placed on the southwest corner to overlook Huron Street and the south end of the property that originally accommodated a mid-block laneway.

The Thomas Wilson House was constructed by and for a contractor who built house form buildings in the Huron and Sussex neighbourhood during a decade-long period in the late 1800s. The property was subsequently occupied by a series of prominent businessmen, beginning with John Douglas, a Toronto manufacturer of building materials and fittings.

Contextually, the Thomas Wilson House demonstrates multiple heritage values. The property supports the historical character of Huron Street, south of Bloor Street, as it first developed in the late 19th century as a high-end residential enclave northwest of the University of Toronto campus and Queen's Park. With its vintage, appearance, height and setback, the property at 407 Huron Street is also physically, visually and historically linked to the surrounding Huron and Sussex neighbourhood where the adjoining Campus Co-op houses and St. Thomas's Anglican Church are recognized heritage properties. In its current context and as a former fraternity house, the Thomas Wilson House is functionally related to its surroundings in the University of Toronto campus precinct, which contains properties associated with the university's residential, administrative and academic functions.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 407 Huron Street are:

- The 2 ½ storey house form building
- The scale, form and massing
- The materials, with brick cladding and brick, stone and wood detailing
- The gable roof, with a firebreak end wall (north) and gabled dormers
- At the southwest corner, the 2½-storey bay window under a gable roof with wood trim
- Flanking the bay window on the west and south, the two-storey verandahs with wood detailing
- The fenestration, with flat-headed and round-arched window openings with sandstone trim
- On the north wall, the single-storey bay window
- The placement and setback of the building on the site

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, Attention: Rosalind Dyers, Administrator, Toronto and East York Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 2nd Floor, West, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, within thirty days of July 7th, 2010, which is August 5th, 2010. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 7th day of July, 2010

Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk