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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
65 CENTRE AVENUE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

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65 Centre Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
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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 65 Centre Avenue (Alexander Robertson House) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

Description

The property at 65 Centre Avenue is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under the categories of design and contextual values. Located on the south side of Centre Avenue, west of Yonge Street and south of Steeles Avenue East, the Alexander Robertson House (1914) is a 2½-storey house form building was listed by the former City of North York and included in the city-wide City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties following amalgamation in 1998.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The property at 65 Centre Avenue has cultural heritage value for its design as a well-crafted house form building from the World War I era in Newtonbrook whose appearance illustrates the transition from the decorated styles of the Victorian period to the more restrained classicism of the early 20th century. While the Alexander Robertson House displays the L-shaped plan, bay window and pattern brickwork from the 19th century Gothic Revival style, its scale and pedimented gables identify its post-1900 design. The house form building is particularly distinguished by the two-tone pattern brickwork where red accents are applied to buff brick surfaces in a reversal of the typical colour combination.

Contextually, the Alexander Robertson House is valued for its historical and visual relationship to Newtonbrook, the North York community that emerged along Yonge Street between Finch and Steeles Avenues in the mid 19th century. While the hamlet originated as a milling centre and provided services to local farmers, Newtonbrook became known as the location of the Humberstone

Pottery and a number of carriageworks in the late 19th century. After the first residential subdivision was introduced west of Yonge Street in the 1840s, it was followed in the next decade by William Nichols' survey of "park and cottage lots" east of Yonge where the Alexander Robertson House was built in the World War I era. With the Newtonbrook Store (c.1907) and the Rueter House (c.1870) on Drewry Avenue, the property at 65 Centre Avenue is one of only three remaining sites linked to the development of Newtonbrook that is recognized on the City of Toronto' heritage inventory. The Alexander Robertson House retains its cultural heritage integrity and demonstrates the evolution of Newtonbrook from a 19th century rural hamlet to a 20th century residential suburb reflecting the growth of North York.


Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 65 Centre Avenue are:

- The house form building known historically as the Alexander Robertson House
- The setback, placement and orientation of the building on the site
- The scale, form and massing on the 2½-storey L-shaped plan
- The materials, with the buff brick cladding and the contrasting red brick trim applied for the quoins and the detailing on the windows and verandah
- The cross-gable roof with the pedimented gables (north, west and south) and the brick chimney (east)
- The main entrance (north), which is covered by the single-storey verandah with brick detailing that extends across the north and west elevations (the verandah has been enclosed and altered over time)
- The fenestration, with the flat-headed window openings on the principal (north) and side (east and west) walls, including the oversized opening on the north façade and the single-storey bay window on the west elevation

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, Attention: Francine Adamo, Administrator, North York Community Council, North York Civic Centre, Main floor, 5100 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, M2N 5V7, within thirty days of May 20, 2014, which is June 19, 2014. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 20th day of May, 2014.


Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk

Copy to: Interested Persons
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