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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
592 CHURCH STREET (WALLACE MILLICHAMP HOUSES, 1873)
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Gloucester-Church Mansions
250 Consumers Road, #809
Toronto, Ontario
M4Y 1L8

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M5C 1J3

Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 592 Church Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

Description

The property at 592 Church 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 and contextual values. Located on the west side of Church Street between Dundonald Street (south) and Gloucester Street (north), the Wallace Millichamp Houses (1873) were constructed as 2½-storey semi-detached houses and, in 1912, converted into apartment suites associated with the adjoining Gloucester Apartments at 596 Church Street. The property at 592 Church Street was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 2009.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Wallace Millichamp Houses have design value as surviving examples of late 19th century semi-detached houses with Second Empire features, which was one of the most favoured architectural styles for residential designs during the Victorian era. The visibility of the building on Church Street is enhanced by the distinctive mansard (double-gable) roof with dormers that is a hallmark of the Second Empire style, as well as the twin bay windows that highlight the separate dwelling units. The Wallace Millichamp Houses (1873) were among the earliest residential house form buildings along this section of Church Street where they contributed to the fashionable appearance of the neighbourhood.

Contextually, the property at 592 Church Street is historically linked to its surroundings as part of a group of surviving residential buildings from the late 19th and early 20th centuries adjoining the southwest corner of Church Street and Gloucester Street. Located on the former Dundonald Estate, the single and semi-detached house form buildings and low-rise apartment houses in this block are

an important collection of buildings from the period when Church Street was among the most desirable residential neighbourhoods in Toronto.


Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 592 Church Street are:

- The 2 ½-storey house form building that was originally designed as a pair of semi-detached houses
- The scale, form and massing of the rectangular plans
- The materials, with buff brick cladding and brick, stone, wood and slate trim
- The mansard roof, with extended eaves, round-arched dormer windows and, on the north and south ends, brick chimneys
- The principal (east) façade, which is symmetrically organized with a centrally-placed entrance
- On the east entry, the flat-headed door surround with quoins that is flanked by segmental-arched window openings with keystones
- The two-storey open verandah with modillion blocks and paired columns that protects the east entry, incorporates a balcony in the second floor, and is a later addition
- Flanking the east entrance, the 2½-storey bay windows with segmental-arched window openings, hood moulds, and keystones
- On the north and south elevations, the fire break walls with segmental-arched window openings that are visible on Church Street, with the south wall abutting the adjacent house form building at 584 Church
- The setback of the Wallace Millichamp Houses on the west side of Church Street

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, Ontario, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of August 16, 2011, which is September 15, 2011. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 16th day of August, 2011


 Ulli S. Watkiss
 City Clerk

Copy to: Interested Parties
 Mary L. MacDonald, Acting Manager, Heritage Preservation Services
 Jasmine Stein, Municipal Law Unit, Legal Division
 Deputy Chief Building Official and Director, Building Division Toronto & East York