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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
2 WELLESLEY PLACE
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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CONSERVATION REVIEW
BOARD**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

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Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, on the 11th, 12th and 13th of April, 2000, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 2 Wellesley Place (Rupert Simpson House) (Downtown).

Short Statement of Reasons for Designation

The property at 2 Wellesley Place is designated for architectural and historical reasons. In 1899, Toronto architect Charles J. Gibson designed a house and stable for Rupert Simpson, co-owner of the Toronto Knitting and Yarn Factory, the first knitting mill in Toronto.

The Rupert Simpson House and Stable are excellent examples of Romanesque Revival design. A cross-gable roof with chimneys, gabled dormers and, on the south slope, a gabled wall dormer, covers the three-storey house. Constructed of brick on a sandstone base, the building has red brick cladding with brick voussoirs and sandstone sills, lintels and transoms. Important exterior features on the principal (east) façade are the entrance

porch and door, the tympanum and arch above the entrance, and the brickwork in a basketweave pattern. The south wall features a monumental stepped gable, and the north elevation displays an oriel window. The rear (west) elevation has no additions. The walls display round- and flat-headed window openings, and transoms with stained and clear glass.

The first-floor reception hall, drawing room, dining room, kitchen and pantry, the second-floor southeast bedroom, south bedroom and water closet, and the third-floor nursery are identified as significant interior areas. The interior elements are described in detail in the Heritage Property Report (Long Statement of Reasons for Designation). In the southwest corner of the lot, the stable features brick construction, a shed roof with a stepped gable, dormers and chimney, and Romanesque Revival detailing.

The property at 2 Wellesley Place is located on the west side of Wellesley Place between Wellesley Street East and Wellesley Lane. Constructed for an important Toronto businessman, the Rupert Simpson House is an excellent example of Romanesque Revival design with interior features in the Queen Anne Revival style. The property at 2 Wellesley Place is important in context with the Mary Perram House at 4 Wellesley Place and with the adjoining properties at 515 and 519 Jarvis Street.

Heritage Toronto's Heritage Property Report (Long Statement of Reasons for Designation) respecting the property is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Division at City Hall and the offices of Heritage Toronto.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Frances Pritchard, Committee Administrator, Toronto Community Council, 4th Floor, West Tower, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto M5H 2N2 within thirty days of the 26th of April, 2000, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 26th day of April, 2000.



Novina Wong
City Clerk



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