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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND  
12 KING GEORGE'S ROAD  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
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 12 King George's Road (George Skelding House) (Ward 5 Etobicoke-Lakeshore) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**Reasons for Designation**

The property at 12 King George's Road is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural resource value or interest. The house was completed in 1932 according to designs attributed to Toronto builder, J. W. A. Crowe and subsequently occupied by George Skelding, an actuary with the Confederation Life Insurance Company. The property is architecturally significant as an important component of Kingsway Park. Robert Homes Smith founded the Etobicoke neighbourhood in 1928, modeling it after the English Garden Suburb movement and specifying the size, materials and style of the buildings.

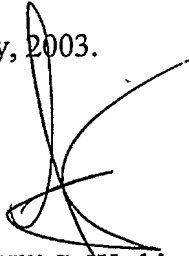
The George Skelding House features a Tudor Revival design, one of the styles approved for the Kingsway with details drawn from English Medieval architecture. The heritage attributes of the building are found on the exterior walls and roof, and on the interior. The building rises 1½-stories beneath a steeply pitched hip roof with extended eaves and brackets, a pair of gables with wood detailing on the south slope, and a dormer and a brick chimney on the north slope. The house is clad with brick, and trimmed with brick, stone and wood. On the principal (south) façade, stone is applied for the lower storey, with half-timbering and herringbone brick above. Beneath an open porch with wood detailing and stone steps, the central entrance features a wood door with glazing that is set in an arched stone surround. Flat-headed window openings containing multi-paned windows are found on all elevations. The openings on the south façade have brick and stone detailing, while those on the remaining walls display brick lintels and stone sills. An enclosed porch marks the north wall.



The interior elements identified in the Reasons for Designation are found in the entrance hall, the basement recreation room, the first-floor double living room (west) and dining room (southeast), and the three upper-storey bedrooms. Wood is applied for the chair rails, wainscoting and panelled walls, the doors and door and window surrounds, the staircase in the entrance hall, the ceiling details and fireplace in the living room and, in some rooms, the interior shutters. The panels with oil paintings in the dining room and the brick fireplace in the basement are significant interior features.

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Mary Casini, Administrator, Etobicoke Community Council, Etobicoke Civic Centre, Main Floor, 399 The West Mall, Toronto, Ontario M9C 2Y2, within thirty days of the 10th of July, 2003. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 10th day of July, 2003.



Ulli S. Watkiss  
City Clerk

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