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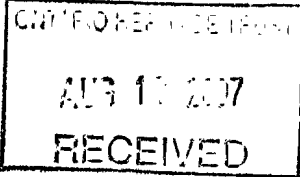
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
70 HIGH PARK AVENUE (THIRD CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST)
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 70 High Park Avenue (Third Church of Christ, Scientist) (Ward 13 – Parkdale-High Park) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Reasons for Designation:

The property at 70 High Park Avenue is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural resource value or interest, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three criteria of design, historical and contextual value. Located on the west side of High Park Avenue, north of Bloor Street West, the Third Church of Christ, Scientist was constructed in 1928 as documented in historical records. The property was included on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1986, and a Heritage Easement Agreement was registered in 2003. The surviving elements of the original building, described in the heritage attributes below, have been incorporated at the base of a residential condominium on the site.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value:

The Third Church of Christ, Scientist is designed in the Modern Classical style, popularized in the 1920s and 1930s and identified by the application of simplified Classical elements. The interior finishes were inspired by Art Deco styling, named for the "Exposition internationale des arts decoratifs" held in Paris in 1925 and noted for its abstracted geometrical shapes. Historically, the Third Church of Christ, Scientist was designed by the notable Toronto architect, Murray Brown. Born in Scotland and trained in England, Brown opened an office in Toronto in 1914 and specialized in theatre design, including movie houses for the Famous Players and Capitol chains, with the well-known Belsize Theatre (later known as the Crest Theatre) on Mount Pleasant Road recognized on the City's heritage inventory. With its setback from the street and the restrained Classical detailing of the east façade, the Third Church of Christ, Scientist is a recognized feature on High Park Avenue, north of Bloor Street West.

Heritage Attributes:

Exterior:

The exterior heritage attributes of the Third Church of Christ, Scientist related to its cultural heritage value as an important example of Modern Classicism that have been incorporated in the

redevelopment of the site consist of the principal (east) façade and terrace, and the portals (including the surrounds and steps) from the entrances on the north and south walls, specifically:

- The principal (east) façade that rises one extended storey beneath the pediment
- The buff brick cladding with stone detailing on the openings and pediment
- The organization of the east wall into three bays
- The terrace with stone steps that extends across the east wall and provides access to the central entrance
- The entry with a Classical doorcase where a triangular pediment is supported on piers with decorative stone detailing and period fixtures
- Under a nameplate reading "THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME," the pair of doors and a flat transom with glazing and metalwork in floral motifs
- Flanking the entry, the single full-height flat-headed window openings that are surmounted by decorative stone panels with Classical motifs
- The portals, originally placed on the side walls (north and south), which incorporate pilasters, brackets, entablatures and inscribed panels (the panel from the north wall reads "FOR THERE IS NO POWER BUT OF GOD", while the south panel is inscribed "HE SENT HIS WORD AND HEALED THEM")
- The two-sided cornerstone marked "LIFE – TRUTH – LOVE" and "1928," originally installed at the northeast corner, that has been reinstated on the site

The surviving portions of the building are recessed from High Park Avenue where a flagstone path and a pair of iron lamp stands with globe fixtures mark the entrance to the property from the street.

Interior:

The interior heritage attributes of the Third Church of Christ, Scientist related to its cultural heritage value as a good example of Art Deco styling are found in the entrance hall, consisting of:

- The octagonal plan, terrazzo floors and, on the walls and ceiling, plasterwork inspired by Art Deco styling
- The main entrance at the east end that contains a pair of wood doors, sidelights and a transom with floral designs
- The single doors with surrounds and glazed and metal inserts in floral motifs on the north and south walls, the four round-arched openings in the corners, the light fixture, and the fireplace at the west end with a marble surround and a wood mantel

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Etobicoke York Community Council, Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall, Toronto, Ontario M9C 2Y2, within thirty days of the 20th day of August, 2007. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 20th day of August, 2007.

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