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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND
76 LONSDALE ROAD
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

JUN 02 1997

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To:

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

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Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 12th day of May, 1997 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 76 Lonsdale Road (John Ford House).

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The property at 76 Lonsdale Road is designated for architectural and historical reasons. The house was constructed about 1875 for Captain John Ford, Jr., who retained the property until 1881. For most of the 20th century, the house was occupied by [REDACTED]

The John Ford House displays features identified with the Second Empire style. The building is constructed of brick with brick and wood detailing. With a 2 1/2-storey rectangular plan, the house is extended to the north by a 1 1/2-storey brick-clad wing and a single-storey wood tail. The main body and wing are covered by mansard roofs with cedar shingles, extended eaves and cornice, and paired brackets. Round-arched dormers with mouldings and brackets are found on the east, south and west slopes of the main roof, and on the four slopes of the roof covering the wing. There is a single brick chimney on the north side of the house, and two chimneys with decorative brickwork on the west side.

On the principal (south) three-bay facade, the main segmentally-arched entrance has a single-leaf wood door, wood trim (pilasters and capitals), three-quarter-length sidelights with panelled bases, and a tripartite transom. On the south wall of the house and the west wall of the wing, full-height segmental-headed window openings have keystones and vertical sliding sash pocket windows. Segmental-headed window openings with brick hood moulds, keystones and sash windows are found on the east, south and west walls of the main body, and on the east wall of the wing. A single-storey verandah wraps around the east, south and west walls of the house, and continues across the west wall of the wing. The verandah has a panelled base and a flared roof clad with cedar shingles and supported by wood posts with brackets.

The John Ford House is located on the north side of Lonsdale Road, east of Avenue Road, in the Deer Park neighbourhood. The house is set back from the street behind a wood fence. A mature tree is located on the east side of the property. Likely the oldest house form building on Lonsdale Road, the John Ford House is an excellent example of the Second Empire style and an important neighbourhood landmark.

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

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, Second Floor, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 30th day of May, 1997, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 30th day of May, 1997.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sydney K. Baxter', is written above the printed name.

Sydney K. Baxter
City Clerk