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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND  
18 FERN AVENUE  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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Toronto, Ontario  
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Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, at its meeting held on February 4, 5 and 6, 2003, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 18 Fern Avenue (John Gardhouse house and stable) (York – South-Weston, Ward 11).

**Reasons for Designation**

The property at 18 Fern Avenue is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest. The John Gardhouse House, with adjoining stable, is architecturally significant as a good example of residential architecture in the former Village of Weston. The property is of historical interest for its association with John Gardhouse, a distinguished cattle breeder who was posthumously elected to the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. Gardhouse served as the Mayor of Weston, the Reeve of Etobicoke Township, and the Warden of York County. Located on the northwest corner of Fern Avenue and George Street, the house and stable were constructed in 1913. Members of the Gardhouse family occupied the property until 2002.

The John Gardhouse House displays design features associated with Edwardian Classicism. The heritage attributes of the house are the 2½-storey plan with a rear (north) wing, the red brick cladding with brick and stone detailing, the cross-gable roof with extended eaves, shingled

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gables and brick chimneys, the principal (south) façade with the principal entrance and tripartite and stairhall windows, the open verandah with Classical detailing, and the pattern of the fenestration on all walls, particularly the bay windows and oriel windows with leaded panes. The wood cladding, gable roof and oversized doors are important elements on the stable.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Glenda Jagai, Committee Administrator, Humber York Community Council, York Civic Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 2700 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6M 1V1, within thirty days of the 27th of February, 2003, setting out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 27th day of February, 2003.



~~Uli S. Watkiss~~  
City Clerk

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