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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974, 1974 S.O. CHAPTER 122

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE MACDONALD HOUSE AT 131 FARNHAM AVENUE

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

To:

Brothers of the Christian Schools of Ontario, c/o Messrs. Weir & Foulds,
Canada Life Building,
330 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario M5G 1S2.

Attention: Miss Lynda C.E. Brown

√Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto has passed By-law No.10-77 to designate the above property. (File 0515).

DATED at Toronto this 4th day of February, 1977.

Roy V. Henderson

City Clerk

No. 10-77. A BY-LAW

To designate the MacDonald House at 131 Farnham Avenue of architectural value and of historic interest.

[Passed January 17, 1977.]

WHEREAS The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest; and

WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the MacDonald House at No. 131 Farnham Avenue having been duly published and served and a notice of objection to such designation having been received, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto referred the matter to the Conservation Review Board for hearing and report; and

WHEREAS the Conservation Review Board, after due notice, conducted a public hearing and made a report to the aforesaid Council in which it recommended that 131 Farnham Avenue be duly designated by by-law of the City of Toronto pursuant to the provisions of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974; and

WHEREAS the aforesaid Council has considered the said report; and

WHEREAS the reasons for the designation are set out as Schedule "B", hereto;

THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto enacts as follows:

- **1.** There is designated as being of architectural and historic value or interest the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as the MacDonald House at No. 131 Farnham Avenue.
- 2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this

by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Toronto.

DAVID CROMBIE,

ROY V. HENDERSON,

City Clerk.

Mayor.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Toronto, January 17, 1977. (L.S.)

SCHEDULE "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Toronto, in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto (formerly in the County of York) and Province of Ontario, being composed of part of lot 8 on the east side of Avenue Road according to a plan registered in the Registry Office for the former County of York as 289, but now registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Toronto, the boundaries of the said parcel being described as follows:

PREMISING that the bearings hereinafter mentioned are astronomic and are referred to the Central Meridian of Zone 10 of the Ontario Co-ordinate System, then:

COMMENCING at a point the location of which may be arrived at as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the northerly limit of Alcorn Avenue with the easterly limit of Avenue Road as dedicated by Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto By-law 192-71 and described in Schedule "A" therein;

THENCE North 16 degrees 36 minutes and 10 seconds West along the said easterly limit of Avenue Road as dedicated 320.00 feet more or less to an angle therein;

THENCE North 73 degrees 23 minutes and 50 seconds East along an easterly limit of Avenue Road 13.00 feet more or less to an angle therein;

THENCE North 16 degrees 36 minutes and 10 seconds West along the said easterly limit of Avenue Road 113.48 feet;

THENCE North 73 degrees 23 minutes and 50 seconds East 43.51 feet to the point of commencement;

THENCE North 16 degrees 22 minutes and 40 seconds West 111.89 feet;

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THENCE North 73 degrees 37 minutes and 20 seconds East 175.23 feet;

THENCE South 16 degrees 22 minutes and 40 seconds East 47.92 feet;

THENCE North 73 degrees 37 minutes and 20 seconds East 78.21 feet;

THENCE South 16 degrees 22 minutes and 40 second East 79.75 feet;

THENCE South 73 degrees 37 minutes and 20 seconds West 136.72 feet:

THENCE North 16 degrees 22 minutes and 40 seconds West 15.78 feet:

THENCE South 73 degrees 37 minutes and 20 seconds West 116.72 feet more or less to the aforesaid point of commencement.

SCHEDULE "B"

Reasons for the designation of the MacDonald House at 131 Farnham Avenue

The MacDonald House was begun in 1860 and successive additions were made to the east to accommodate Senator John MacDonald's growing family. The building is designated on architectural grounds as a fine example of High Victorian domestic architecture, complete in almost all of its details, including some of the interior fittings. The Building is also designated on historic grounds for its association with an important Toronto businessman and National statesman, and with the McCormick agricultural implement family. In streetscape terms, the building is the eastern most house of the series that crown the escarpment above Toronto and its open gardens provide important greenspace in the area.