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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O., 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND
337 JARVIS STREET
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Jarvis Street Baptist Church
130 Gerrard Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M5A 3T4
Attention: Melville Earl Balfour
Chairman of the Board of Deacons

Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th day of March, 1999 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 337 Jarvis Street (Samuel Platt House) (Downtown).

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The property at 337 Jarvis Street is designated for architectural and historical reasons. The house was constructed in 1849-1850 for Samuel Platt, a brewer and politician whose family retained the property until 1916. The Toronto Baptist Seminary has occupied the site since 1927.

The Samuel Platt House is a surviving example of the Neoclassical style. Rising two stories beneath a truncated hip roof with extended eaves and four end chimneys, the house is constructed of brick with stone detailing. Important exterior elements are the segmental-headed window openings on all walls, the entrances with transoms and sidelights on the principal (west) and rear (east) facades and, on the west wall, the tripartite window openings and Classical detailing of the window enframements and pilasters. Important interior features are the cornice mouldings in the centre hall and two principal rooms on the first floor.

Located on the east side of Jarvis Street, north of Gerrard Street East, the Samuel Platt House is one of the earliest surviving buildings on Jarvis Street. Its age and Classical appearance reflect the early development of the street as Toronto's most fashionable mid-19th century neighbourhood. The two-storey rear (east) addition is not included in the Reasons for Designation.

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, c/o Frances Pritchard, Administrator, Toronto Community Council, 4th Floor West Tower, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 16th of March, 1999, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 16th day of March, 1999.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Novina Wong', is written above the printed name.

Novina Wong
City Clerk