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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND
397 and 399 BRUNSWICK AVENUE
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto on the 28th and 29th of September, 1999 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 397 and 399 Brunswick Avenue (William and Robert Smith Houses) (Midtown.)

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The properties at 397 and 399 Brunswick Avenue are designated for architectural reasons. The identical houses were constructed in 1902 according to the designs of the Toronto architectural firm of G. M. Miller and Company for brothers and lumber merchants William and Robert Smith.

Designed in the Queen Anne style, William and Robert Smith Houses are identical buildings. Constructed of red brick and trimmed with brick, stone and wood, each structure features an irregularly-shaped plan covered by a cross-gable roof with a brick chimney and, in each gable, shingled cladding. A wall dormer with a gable roof, shingle cladding and brackets extends from the south slope. On the principal (west) facade, the two-storey bay window with a gable roof and brackets, the wood door with a glass insert and stained glass transom, the oval window and flat-headed window openings are important features. The Robert Smith House retains its Classically-designed verandah. On both houses, the long south wall has a two-storey bay window incorporating a stained glass window, projecting centre wall and flat-headed window openings. On the north wall, there are flat-headed window openings, one of which contains stained glass, as well as a monumental segmental-headed stained glass window with a transom. The 2-storey south and 3-storey rear (east) additions on #397, the bridge connecting #397 with a neighbouring building, and the 2-storey rear (east) addition on #399 are not included in the Reasons for Designation.

The Robert Smith House retains important interior features. On the first floor, the entrance hall has an elaborate wood staircase, and the front (west) and rear (east) parlours display a plaster ceiling with mouldings (west room), panelled wood wainscoting, wood door and window surrounds, and a double fireplace with wood detailing. On the second floor, the fireplace in the front (west) bedroom is identified. No other interior elements are included in the Reasons for Designation.

The properties at 397 and 399 Brunswick Avenue located on the east side of Brunswick Avenue, north of Lowther Avenue. With their setback and landscaped setting, the William and Robert Smith Houses are important features on Brunswick Avenue in the West Annex neighbourhood.

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, Committee Administrator, Toronto Community Council, 4th Floor, West Tower, City Hall 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2 within thirty days of the 12th of November, 1999 setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 12th day of November, 1999.



Novina Wong
City Clerk