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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND  
5933 STEELES AVENUE EAST  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

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✓ Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
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Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 5933 Steeles Avenue East (Underwood House) (Ward 41 – Scarborough Rouge River) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation:

5933 Steeles Avenue East: Underwood House

The property at 5933 Steeles Avenue East is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the categories of design or physical value and contextual value. Located on the south side of Steeles Avenue East between Middlefield Road and Markham Road, the house was in place when the Decennial Census was recorded in 1891. The property was acquired by the Underwood family in 1875, with Richard Underwood as the owner between 1890 and 1907.

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### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Underwood House has design or physical value as a representative example of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century residential building. The ell-shaped design consists of a west-facing section and a rear (east) wing. The latter portion displays the centre-gabled façade of a typical 1½-storey Ontario Cottage, a type of housing that remained popular following its introduction in the mid 1800s.

The Underwood House also has contextual value as it assists in maintaining the character of Steeles Avenue East in that it contributes to a group of recognized heritage buildings. The Hood-Gough House (Devonsleigh Place) at #4125, the Clark-Reesor House at #6601 and the Christian Reesor House at #8327 are designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, while the Demond-Ingleton House at #6351, the Menno-Reesor House at #6461, the Hamill House at #6545, the Noah Reesor Farm at #7501, the two Flavius Reesor Houses at #7937 and #7959, and the McCreight House at #8009 are recognized on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. Toronto City Council stated its intention to designate the neighbouring William Stonehouse House at 5951 Steeles Avenue East in July 2006.

### Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Underwood House that relate to its cultural heritage value as a representative example of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century residential building are found on the exterior walls and roof, consisting of:

- Rising 1½ stories above a stone foundation, the ell-shaped plan covered by a cross-gable roof, with a centre gable on the north slope and a brick chimney on the north end
- The application of brick for the cladding and trim, with brick lintels over the segmental-arched door and window openings (the lintels have been painted to appear as hood moulds)
- The organization of the west façade, with an entrance placed between single window openings (the door has been replaced and the gabled hood with wood brackets is not original)
- The treatment of the north elevation, where an entrance under the gable peak is flanked and surmounted by window openings
- The repetition of the shape and detailing of the fenestration on the remaining walls

The porch on the north elevation, which replaces the original full-length verandah, and the single-storey wood-clad addition on the south wall are not included in the Reasons for Designation.

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Scarborough Community Council, Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario M1P 4N7, within thirty days of the 16th of October, 2006. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 16th day of October, 2006.

Ulli S. Watkiss  
City Clerk