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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
6 WALMER ROAD (THOMAS GOLDSMITH HOUSE)
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 6 Walmer Road (Thomas Goldsmith House) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Description

The property at 6 Walmer Road (Thomas Goldsmith House) is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the criteria for municipal designation under the three categories of design, associative and contextual values. Placed on the west side of Walmer Road between Bloor Street West and Lowther Avenue, the Thomas Goldsmith House (1896) is a 2½-storey house form building. The site was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1976.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Thomas Goldsmith House has design value as a well-crafted example of a late 19th century house form building executed in the popular Queen Anne Revival style. While the structure displays the typical features of the style in its irregularly-shaped plan, mixture of materials, variety in the shape and placement of the fenestration, and classical detailing, the Thomas Goldsmith House is an important surviving example of residential architecture on Walmer Road in the West Annex that retains its architectural integrity.

The property at 6 Walmer Road is also associated with the career of Toronto architect F. H. Herbert, one of the city's best-known practitioners specializing in residential architecture at the close of the 19th century. Herbert designed houses for clients in the city's prominent residential neighbourhoods, including the West Annex where Arthur Boswell Houses at 69-71 Spadina Road are among those designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. With the

changes in the West Annex, the Thomas Goldsmith House remains an important surviving example of Herbert's portfolio in the West Annex.

Contextually, the Thomas Goldsmith House is historically linked to its surroundings on Walmer Road in the West Annex neighbourhood. The dwelling dates to the period when the area was a sought-after residential enclave where the Walmer Road Baptist Church (completed 1892) at 38 Walmer Road is another extant recognized heritage building.


Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 6 Walmer Road are:

- The scale, form and massing of the 2½ storey house form building
- The irregularly-shaped plan
- The materials, with brick cladding, and brick, stone and wood trim
- The cross-gable roof with extended eaves with brackets and modillion blocks, and the classical detailing and shingled infill on the gables
- On the principal (east) façade on Walmer Road, the two-storey open verandah with classical detailing that protects the main entrance
- The fenestration, which mixes single round, flat-headed, segmental-arched and round-arched openings, as well as bay windows and an oriel window (north)
- The window detailing, with brick voussoirs and stone labels and sills, and the lozenge-shaped mullions in some of the openings.

Notice of an objection to the proposed designations may be served on the City Clerk, Attention: Rosalind Dyers, Administrator, Toronto and East York Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 2nd Floor, West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of February 28, 2012, which is March 29, 2012. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this February 28, 2012


for Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk