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No. 101-87. A BY-LAW

*To designate the Property at No. 559 Avenue Road  
of architectural value and of historic interest.*

(Passed January 12, 1987.)

Whereas by Clause 9 of Neighbourhoods Committee Report No. 2 adopted by Council on January 12, 1987, authority was granted to designate the property at No. 559 Avenue Road of architectural value and of historic interest;

Whereas the Ontario Heritage Act 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 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as No. 559 Avenue Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

Whereas the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" hereto; and

Whereas no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the clerk of the municipality;

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 No. 559 Avenue Road.
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.

ARTHUR C. EGGLETON,  
*Mayor.*

GLORIA JAMES  
*Assistant City Clerk.*

Council Chamber,  
Toronto, January 12, 1987.  
(L.S.)

## SCHEDULE "A"

In the City of Toronto, in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and Province of Ontario, being composed of:

## FIRSTLY:

Lot 1, according to Plan 391E registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Toronto (No. 63).

## SECONDLY:

The southerly 3.26 metres throughout from front to rear of Lot 38 on the east side of Avenue Road according to Plan 890 registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Toronto (No. 63).

## THIRDLY

Lot 2 according to Plan 391E registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Toronto (No. 63); SAVE AND EXCEPT thereout and therefrom the southerly 3.05 metres thereof conveyed to the Municipal Corporation of the City of Toronto by conveyance dated June 27, 1929 and registered in the said Land Registry Office as Instrument 11576 E.M.

The herein FIRSTLY, SECONDLY and THIRDLY described lands being most recently described in Instrument CT 760374.

## SCHEDULE "B"

Reasons for the designation of the property at No. 559 Avenue Road (The George Howard Ferguson House)

The property at No. 559 Avenue Road is designated on architectural and historical grounds. Designed by the architectural firm, Wright and Noxon, it was built in 1930 for George Howard Ferguson. He was Premier of Ontario from 1923 to 1930 and had a distinguished political career spanning 25 years. From 1930 to 1935 he was Canada's High Commissioner to London. This brick house is a typical example of the Domestic Georgian Revival style popular in Toronto at that time. It is finely proportioned in common bond brick, trimmed in stone with balanced fenestration, an ornamented cornice, a steeply pitched hipped roof and distinctive dormers. Important elements also include the first floor bay and bow windows, and the small paired casement windows with recessed panels under the sill. The entrance porch is finely executed in brick with stone trim and iron grillwork. In 1959, the building was opened as the Music Library of Metropolitan Toronto. A compatible addition was designed by architects, James A. Murray and Henry Fliess in 1967. The Ferguson House is located on a prominent corner defining the north side of Amsterdam Square. It is an important local landmark, being the only surviving representative of the large residences on Avenue Road between St. Clair Avenue and Upper Canada College.