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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
(558 GERRARD STREET EAST)
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, on the 11th, 12th and 13th of April, 2000, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 558 Gerrard Street East (Governor's House, Don Jail) (Don River).

Short Statement of Reasons for Designation

The property at 558 Gerrard Street East is designated for architectural and historical reasons. The Governor's House at the Don Jail was constructed in 1888 according to the designs of the Toronto architect Charles Mancel Willmot. The property includes an earlier building, constructed as the Gatekeeper's House for the Don Jail in 1865.

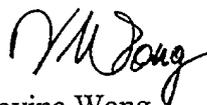
The Governor's House is an excellent example of late 19th century period design, highlighted by brick detailing. The building is constructed of brick on a stone foundation and trimmed with brick and stone. Rising 2 ½ stories, the ell-shaped plan is covered by a hipped gable roof. Tall chimneys with brick detailing extend up the east, west and rear (north) walls of the building and high above the roof. On the principal (south) façade, significant features are the main entrance with a single-leaf door, sidelights and piers, and a two-storey bay window with brick crenellations. There are flat- and segmental-headed window and door openings with brick and stone detailing on all the walls.

Located on the north side of Gerrard Street East between the Don Jail Roadway and Broadview Avenue, the Governor's House is set back from the street in a landscaped setting. The Governor's House and the adjoining Gatekeeper's House are important surviving components of the Don Jail complex. The buildings complement the Don Jail and are part of an important institutional enclave that includes the prison complex, St.

Matthew's Lawn Bowling Club and Riverdale Park to the west, and the Riverdale Library on the east.

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 26th of April, 2000, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 26th day of April, 2000.



Novina Wong
City Clerk

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