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

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

Parks and Recreation  
 Toronto City Hall  
 8<sup>th</sup> Floor East Tower  
 100 Queen Street West  
 Toronto, Ontario  
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Ontario Heritage Foundation  
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Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, at its meeting held on October 29, 30 and 31, 2002, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 525 Avenue Road (Amsterdam Square Fountain) (St. Paul's – Ward 22).

**Short Statement of Reasons for Designation**

The property at 525 Avenue Road is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. The Amsterdam Square Fountain was donated to the City of Toronto by philanthropist Herbert Hale Williams and is a replica of the Van Karnebeck Fountain in the grounds of the Peace Palace, The Hague. Designed and executed in The Hague by Willem C. Brouwer, who sculpted the original, the fountain was installed in the park at the northeast corner of Avenue Road and St. Clair Avenue West in 1929. In 1974, the fountain and park were renamed in recognition of the twinning of the Cities of Amsterdam and Toronto.

Composed of terra cotta, the Amsterdam Square Fountain features a symmetrical design where, above a raised platform, a semi-circular basin is flanked by curved benches and surmounted by a tripartite plinth composed of half-circles and incorporating planters. The structure is ornamented with carved Classical band courses and maple leaves. The plinth is inscribed "A replica of the fountain at the Peace Palace, The Hague presented by H. H. Williams, Esquire as a mark of his love for his native city".

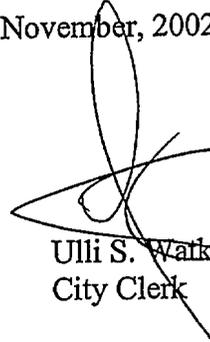
The property at 525 Avenue Road is located on the northeast corner of Avenue Road and St. Clair Avenue West. Placed in a landscaped setting, the Amsterdam Park Fountain is architecturally significant as a notable example of public art in the City of Toronto. The property

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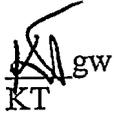
has historical importance for its associations with the Dutch community in Toronto and, contextually, is a visual landmark in the Deer Park neighbourhood.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Yvonne Davies, Committee Administrator, Midtown Community Council, North York Civic Centre, Main Floor, 5100 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M2N 5W7 within thirty days of the 21st of November, 2002, setting out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 21st day of November, 2002.



Ulli S. Watkiss  
City Clerk



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