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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER O.18 AND
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
15 GLEN MORRIS STREET
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 15 Glen Morris Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

The property at 15 Glen Morris Street (Samuel Bennett House) is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under all three categories of design, associative and contextual value.

Description

The property at 15 Glen Morris Street contains the Samuel Bennett House, constructed in 1878 as a one-and-a-half storey single family dwelling with brick and stucco cladding, and a verandah with a gable dormer on its principle elevation.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Samuel Bennett house has design value as a representative of the classic one-and-a-half storey Ontario house, including the front verandah and gable dormer, which are rare in the Huron-Sussex neighbourhood.

The house has historical value as it contributes to an understanding of the early development of the late 19th-century Huron-Sussex neighbourhood and the University of Toronto community. Following the subdivision and sale of the William and Robert Baldwin estates the area was transformed from a market garden to a residential enclave situated between the commercial activity of Spadina Avenue and the University of Toronto. The Samuel Bennett house was the first house constructed on the street and represents the beginnings of the residential neighbourhood's evolution and growth.

Contextually, the Samuel Bennett house is important in defining and maintaining the late 19th century residential scale and character of the Huron-Sussex neighbourhood which was primarily comprised of single family houses of two-three stories, characterized by complex massing, varied materials and richly detailed elements still evident on the north side of Glen Morris Street. The additions of 21st century University of Toronto buildings on either side of the Bennett house on the south side of the street, as well as the 1960s

Robarts Library at the end of Glen Morris Street, have created a dramatic contrast in scale, character and material which reflects the changing social context of the neighbourhood.

The Bennett house is significant as it is visually and historically linked to its surroundings, it maintains the historic neighbourhood streetscape and contributes to its variety through its representation of the rare one-and-a-half storey Ontario house in the Huron-Sussex neighbourhood.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Samuel Bennett house are:

- The setback, placement and orientation of the building on the south side of Glen Morris Street between Spadina Avenue and Huron Street
- The scale, form and massing of the one-and-a-half storey house-form building with its gable roof, gable dormer and verandah
- The principal (north) elevation with its brick cladding and side (east and west) elevations and rear (south) elevations with stucco cladding
- The arrangement of openings on the principal (north) elevation which includes, at the first floor, the central door with two windows on either side and dormer window above in the gable dormer
- The arrangement of openings on the side elevation (west) with the two windows centred on the ridge of the gable roof
- The verandah roof with its combined hip and single slope form
- The three brick piers of the verandah which formerly supported Tuscan Doric columns

The following are not included as heritage attributes:

- Openings on the south and east elevations
- The rear wing and its later extension
- The garage at the rear of the property

A notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, Attention: Ellen Devlin, 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 May 2, 2017, which is June 1, 2017. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 1st day of May, 2017.



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City Clerk