



Huron Sussex Residents Organization

Chair and Members,
Toronto Preservation Board,
Toronto City Hall,
100 Queen Street West,
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2.

April 19, 2017.

PB22.9. Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 15 Glen Morris St.

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

The Huron-Sussex Residents' Organization (HSRO) is writing to support the designation of the property at 15 Glen Morris St. as historically significant and deserving of preservation.

Huron-Sussex is a low-rise residential neighbourhood built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is bounded by Bloor St. and the north, Harbord Ave. on the south, Spadina Ave on the west and St. George St. on the east. In 1997, HS was designated an Area of Special Interest within the University of Toronto planning area, a designation that is now part of the City of Toronto Official Plan. HSRO has developed a long term plan with the university to preserve the historic residential nature of the neighbourhood. The plan is in the early implementation stages.

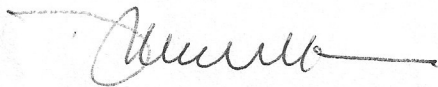
At almost 140 years old, the house at 15 Glen Morris is the first structure built on the street. It is an example of the Gothic Revival Cottage, prevalent throughout rural Ontario from the 19th century, but rare today in downtown Toronto, especially in Huron-Sussex. Built in 1878, the first owner was Samuel Bennett.

The house is the last residential property remaining on the south side of Glen Morris, the others having been demolished for such purposes as a parking lot (now built on) and two University of Toronto buildings.

At the time that we first wrote in support of designation (January 10, 2017) the façade was quite intact, despite having been expanded at the rear to add apartment units. On January 21, a crew hired by the building owners arrived and removed both the roof peak wooden gingerbread detail and the porch pillars. They proceeded without a City permit or without notice to the tenants. We are requesting that, in addition to recommending designation, Toronto Preservation Board order the owner to replace the architectural details that were removed.

We support staff recommendations because 15 Glen Morris is an early and now unique example of built housing form in Huron-Sussex. Moreover, designating 15 Glen Morris is consistent with the Huron-Sussex long-term plan in that it supports preservation in a turn-of-the-20th-century residential neighbourhood at a time when our downtown communities are under great pressure from high-density development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Worts', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Worts,
Huron-Sussex Residents' Organization.