

Robert Saunders, Chair
Toronto Preservation Board
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May 2, 2011

Dear Mr. Saunders and members of the Toronto Preservation Board:

Re: PB3.5 Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 2669-2673 Lake Shore Boulevard West

I am not able to attend today's meeting but wanted to write in support of the intention to designate the Fetherstonhaugh Gardener's Cottage outlined in the report before you under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Toronto planning staff has produced a thorough documented report that makes a compelling case for the designation of the property.

The Gardener's Cottage:

- Is an uncommon surviving example of a structure specifically designed for a lake front estate in Mimico, which is associated historically with Frederick Barnard Fetherstonhaugh, a patent attorney of international repute who occupied the site for half a century;
- Is a rare example of an extant project by the notable Canadian architect, Henry Sproatt, which was executed during a brief period when he was a solo practitioner;
- Contributes to an understanding of the historical development of Mimico where the Fetherstonhaugh Estate was once numbered among the residential enclaves with estate houses and outbuildings that characterized the community's waterfront;
- Is historically linked to its surroundings as a remnant of a lake front compound that is indicative of the residential development of Lake Shore Boulevard West in Mimico beginning in the late 19th century; and,
- Is standing in its original location retaining its integrity and therefore more effectively communicates its cultural heritage values.

Thank you.

Michael Harrison