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Toronto Region

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND  
1643 YONGE STREET ✓  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

Mr. Vincent Tovell, Vice Chair  
The Massey Foundation  
701 – 190 George Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Mr. Norris Zucchet  
Commemorative Services of Ontario  
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Toronto, Ontario  
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Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto, on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, 2000, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 1643 Yonge Street (Massey Mausoleum, Mount Pleasant Cemetery) (Midtown).

**Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation**

The property at 1643 Yonge Street containing the Massey Mausoleum is designated for historical and architectural reasons. The Massey Mausoleum was constructed in 1890-1894 according to the designs of Toronto architect E. J. Lennox. Hart Almerin Massey, president of the Massey Manufacturing Company, commissioned the structure as a memorial to, and the final resting place for, two of his sons. Other family members are interred in the mausoleum and the surrounding plot.

The Massey Mausoleum is designed in the Romanesque Revival style. Set on a limestone base, the building has a basilican plan with a two-storey nave, single-storey porch, side aisles and apse, and mock stair tower. Combinations of rough textured and smooth blocks of granite are used for cladding, roofs, window detailing, and intricate ornament. The paired bronze doors with grilles, the stained and leaded glass windows, and the sculpted statue symbolizing Hope are important features. Significant interior elements are the vaulted ceiling, marble finishes, portal and east – end altar, mosaic tile floor with bronze grille, and circular stairs and crypt (now altered).

The Massey Mausoleum is located in Plot #116 on a elevated triangular site in the west section of Mount Pleasant Cemetery. For the purposes of designation, the boundaries of the property are established by a limit of one metre around the structure. Commissioned by one of the City's leading industrialists and philanthropists, the Massey Mausoleum is a visible reminder of the role

of the Massey family in the development of Toronto. It is an excellent example of Romanesque Revival design interpreted by a significant Toronto architect. The Massey Mausoleum is a landmark in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, a landscaped garden cemetery known throughout North America for its collection of trees.

Heritage Toronto's Heritage Property Report (Long Statement of Reasons for Designation) respecting the property is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Division at City Hall and the offices of Heritage Toronto.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Frances Pritchard, Administrator, Toronto Community Council, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000.



Novina Wong  
City Clerk



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