

Heritage Policies

Jarvis Street is one of Toronto's most historic streets, the section of Jarvis within the study area contains: 19th Century Mansions, Allan Gardens, and St. James Cathedral.

The City of Toronto Policy 3.1.5.2 states that the development adjacent to heritage properties must be in keeping with the identity and continuity of that particular location:

Heritage resources on properties listed on the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties will be conserved. A Heritage Impact Statement may be requested for development proposals on a property on the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties, and will be required where the development entails an amendment to the Official Plan and / or Zoning By-law. Development adjacent to properties on the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties will respect the scale, character and form of the heritage buildings and landscapes.

The Provincial Policy Statement (2005) Section 2.6 similarly states:

- 2.6.1 *Significant built heritage resources and significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved.*
- 2.6.2 *Development and site alteration shall only be permitted on lands containing archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential if the significant archaeological resources have been conserved by removal and documentation, or by preservation on site. Where significant archaeological resources must be preserved on site, only development and site alteration which maintain the heritage integrity of the site may be permitted.*
- 2.6.3 *Development and site alteration may be permitted on adjacent lands to protected heritage property where the proposed development and site alteration has been evaluated and it has been demonstrated that the heritage attributes of the protected heritage property will be conserved. Mitigative measures and/or alternative development approaches may be required in order to conserve the heritage attributes of the protected heritage property affected by the adjacent development or site alteration.*

Pedestrian & Urban Design Policies

The Toronto Pedestrian Charter:

Creating an urban form that meets pedestrian needs by encompassing the following six principles within each pedestrian environment:

- i. Accessibility
- ii. Equity
- iii. Health and well-being
- iv. Environmental sustainability
- v. Personal and community safety
- vi. Community cohesion and vitality

www.toronto.ca/pedestrian/

The “We’re all Pedestrians” Program:

The City of Toronto developed this program to improve the safety conditions of Toronto’s pedestrians

http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/publications/pedestrian_safety/index.htm

Steps Towards a Walkable City:

The City of Toronto’s Walking Strategy will coordinate improvements to Toronto’s walking environment and help achieve the Official Plan objectives for walking

www.toronto.ca/transportation/pedestrian/walking_strategy/

The Toronto Walking Strategy:

The strategy will lay out the policy, infrastructure and program elements needed to create a “culture of walking” in the City. The central theme of the strategy is “putting pedestrian first” by placing pedestrians at the top of the road hierarchy.

http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/pedestrian/walking_strategy/

Urban Design Initiatives

City implemented initiatives to enhance the urban and pedestrian environment by improving its design and character of the street, include:

- i. Street-Tree Initiative
- ii. Neighbourhood Beautification Program
- iii. Vibrant Streets – Toronto’s Coordinated Street Furniture Program

<http://www.toronto.ca/planning/urbdesign/index.htm>