

Authority: Etobicoke Community Council Item EY7.10, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on July 16, 17 and 18, 2019

CITY OF TORONTO

Bill 1351

BY-LAW -2019

To designate the property at 1 Blue Goose Street as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

Whereas the Ontario Heritage Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 1 Blue Goose Street as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas the Council of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as 1 Blue Goose Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property, and has caused the Notice of Intention to be posted on the City's web site for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, § 162-4.1. Notice requirements under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

Whereas no notice of objection was served upon the Clerk of the municipality; and

Whereas the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule A to this by-law;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. The property at 1 Blue Goose Street, more particularly described in Schedule B attached to this by-law, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The City Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule B to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property 1 Blue Goose Street at and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be posted on the City's web site for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, § 162-4.1. Notice requirements under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Enacted and passed on October , 2019.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

Ulli S. Watkiss,
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

SCHEDULE A

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

1 Blue Goose Street

Reasons for Designation

The property at 1 Blue Goose Street 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 1 Blue Goose Street is located southeast of the intersection of Royal York Road and the railway tracks in Mimico. It contains a 3½-storey building (1909) that is known historically as the Windsor Hotel, which replaced a late-19th century hostelry on the same site where it continued to serve the passengers and crews of the Grand Trunk Railway (afterward Canadian National Railways), as well as the local community. The site was renamed the Blue Goose Tavern in 1971. The property at 1 Blue Goose Street was included on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register in 2017.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The property at 1 Blue Goose Street has cultural heritage value for its design as a well-preserved early-20th century commercial building with features of Edwardian Classicism, which emerged as the most popular style prior to World War in reaction to the architectural excesses of the late Victorian era. The Windsor Hotel displays the plain brick surfaces, the geometrical lines with the hipped roof and dormers, and the symmetrical placement of the openings identified with the Edwardian Classical style.

The Windsor Hotel is associated with the history of Mimico, from its origins as a community linked to the railway, to its development and evolution as an independent municipality. A railway hotel has existed in this locality since the late 19th century when it was built in close proximity to the tracks and the Grand Trunk Railway (later Canadian National Railways) station. As a community hub with its links to Mimico's sports culture, the hotel has been in continuous operation for more than a century.

Contextually, the property at 1 Blue Goose is historically and visually related to its setting southeast of the railway tracks and Royal York Road in Mimico with its proximity to the original location of Mimico Station (the latter building is now found in Centennial Park on the west side of Royal York Road). The Windsor Hotel remains a local landmark in the community.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Windsor Hotel on the property at 1 Blue Goose Street are:

- The setback, placement and orientation of the building on the southeast corner of Blue Goose Street and Manchester Street
- The scale, form and massing of the 3½-storey building with the square-shaped plan
- The hipped roof with the brick chimney (south) and the hipped dormers on all of the slopes
- The brick cladding with the brick and stone detailing
- On the principal (west) and side (north and south) elevations, above the first floor (which has been altered), the symmetrically-placed segmental-arched window openings with the brick flat arches and the stone sills

SCHEDULE B

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN 07617-0053 (LT)
LOTS 150, 151 AND 152, REGISTERED PLAN M68
City of Toronto and Province of Ontario
Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)