

Authority: Toronto Community Council Report No. 12, Clause No. 24,
as adopted by the City of Toronto Council on October 28, 29 and 30, 1998
Enacted by Council: December 17, 1998

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 895-1998

**To designate the property at 363 and 365 Adelaide Street East
as being of architectural and historical value or interest.**

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at Nos. 363 - 365 Adelaide Street East as being of architectural and historical value or interest; and

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

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as Nos. 363 - 365 Adelaide Street East and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" to this by-law; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The property at Nos. 363 - 365 Adelaide Street East, more particularly described and shown on Schedule "A" to this by-law, is designated as being of architectural and historical 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 Schedules "A" and "C" 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 at Nos. 363 - 365 Adelaide Street East and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Toronto as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 17th day of December, A.D. 1998.

CASE OOTES,
Deputy Mayor

NOVINA WONG,
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW No. 895-1998

In the City of Toronto and Province of Ontario, being composed of;

FIRSTLY: Premises 363 Adelaide Street East

Part of Lot 12, on the south side of Duke Street, now Adelaide Street East, on the Town of York Plan registered in the Land Registry Office for the Metropolitan Toronto Registry Division (No. 64), the boundaries of the land being described as follows;

Commencing at the intersection of the southerly limit of Adelaide Street East with the easterly limit of Sherbourne Street;

Thence easterly along the said limit of Adelaide Street East 7.87 metres, more or less, to the centre line of the 0.38 metre partition wall between the old brick building standing in December 1925 upon the front porch of the land hereby described and the next brick building to the east thereof;

Thence southerly along the said centre line of wall and continuing;

Thence southerly along the easterly face of the easterly wall of the three storey building standing at the date hereinbefore last mentioned on the rear part of the said lands hereby conveyed, in all distance of 21.03 metres, more or less to the southerly face of the southerly wall of the last mentioned building;

Thence westerly along the said southerly face of wall, 8.01 metres to the easterly limit of Sherbourne Street aforesaid;

Thence northerly along the last mentioned limit, 21.04 metres, more or less, to the point of commencement.

The southerly limit of Adelaide Street East as confirmed under the Boundaries Act by Plan BA-788 (CT157877) and the easterly limit of Sherbourne Street as confirmed under the Boundaries Act by Plan BA-863 (CT182066).

The hereinbefore FIRSTLY described lands being most recently described in Instrument CA63576.

SECONDLY: Premises 365 Adelaide Street East

Part of Lot 12, on the south side of Duke Street, now Adelaide Street East, on the Town of York Plan registered in the Land Registry Office for the Metropolitan Toronto Registry Division (No. 64), the boundaries of the land being described as follows;

Commencing at a point on the south side of Adelaide street East opposite the centre line of a division wall between the brick dwelling house standing on the land immediately to the west of the herein described lands and these said lands, such point being 7.92 metres, more or less, easterly from the point where the east side of Sherbourne Street intersects the south side of Adelaide Street East;

Thence southerly to and through the centre line of the said brick wall and through the centre line of a brick wall forming a prolongation thereof 21.03 metres to a point;

Thence easterly parallel to Adelaide Street East 11.73 metres to a point distant 19.66 metres from the east limit of Sherbourne street;

Thence northerly and parallel to Sherbourne street 15.54 metres, more or less, to a point distant 5.49 metres southerly from the south limit of Adelaide Street East;

Thence westerly and parallel to Adelaide Street East 0.38 metres;

Thence northerly and parallel to Sherbourne Street 5.49 metres, more or less, to a point in the south side of Adelaide Street East distant 19.28 metres easterly from the east limit of Sherbourne Street;

Thence westerly along the south side of Adelaide Street East 11.35 metres, more or less, to the point of commencement.

The southerly limit of Adelaide Street East as confirmed under the Boundaries Act by Plan BA-788 (CT157877).

The hereinbefore SECONDLY described lands being most recently described in Instrument CA63577.

The hereinbefore FIRSTLY and SECONDLY described lands being delineated by heavy outline on Plan SYE2898 dated October 20, 1998, as set out in Schedule "C".

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW No. 895-1998

Heritage Property Report

Paul Bishop’s Houses
363-365 Adelaide Street East

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HERITAGE TORONTO

Heritage Property Report

Basic Building Data:

Address:	363-365 Adelaide Street East (southeast corner of Adelaide and Sherbourne Streets)
Ward:	25
Current Name:	not applicable
Historical Name:	Paul Bishop’s Houses
Construction Date:	1842

Architect:	none found
Contractor/Builder:	none found
Additions/Alterations:	window opening altered on west wall of #363; entrance relocated on north facade of #365; firebreak end walls altered on #363 and #365; additions attached to rear (south) walls of #363 and #365
Original Owner:	Paul Bishop, blacksmith
Original Use:	residential
Current Use*:	vacant
Heritage Category:	Notable Heritage Property (Category B)
Recording Date:	June 1998
Recorder:	HPD:KA

* this does not refer to permitted use(s) as defined in the Zoning By-law

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

After the founding of the Town of York in 1793, military officer Alexander Aitken prepared a Plan for York Harbour, which laid out a townsite for the provincial capital. The business and residential core of the community was established in a ten-block district bounded by present-day Front, George, Adelaide and Berkeley Streets. The area remained the centre of the expanded City of Toronto, incorporated in 1834. After the devastation of the Great Fire of 1849 and the replacement of buildings over time, little evidence remains of the original Town of York. Surviving properties that pre-date the Great Fire include the Bank of Upper Canada and Fourth Post Office at 252 Adelaide Street East, Toronto's Second City Hall at 91 Front Street East, the City Buildings at 107 through 147 King Street East, Daniel Brooke Building at 150-154 King Street East, and commercial buildings at 100 Front Street East, 33 Jarvis Street, and 171-179 King Street East. All of these properties are identified on the *City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties*, and many are designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The only known residential buildings from the period are Paul Bishop's Houses at 363-365 Adelaide Street East.

According to John Ross Robertson's Landmarks of Toronto (Volume I, 130-132), blacksmith Paul Bishop acquired the property on the corner of Duke (Adelaide) and Caroline (Sherbourne) Streets formerly belonging to Sheriff Jarvis where he erected the subject buildings in 1848. However, historical records indicate that Bishop actually acquired the subject property in 1841, with the house form buildings in place the following year. An 1842 Map of Toronto, which shows the site as developed, also supports this date. Robertson describes Bishop as a French Canadian blacksmith and wheelwright who "was the principal workman in his trade in the town, but eventually he failed in business and left Toronto". Initially renting the property, Bishop resided on-site in 1843. The

next year, he sold the property to Malachy O'Donohue, a local landowner. O'Donohue retained the site until 1846.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The pair of townhouses display the brick surfaces, stone detailing and regular organization of openings characterized by the Georgian style of the early 19th century. Constructed of brick on stone bases, the buildings extend two stories above raised basements. Each house is covered by a gable roof with firebreak walls and end chimneys. The principal (north) facades are organized symmetrically in three bays. As originally designed, the first storey contained an entrance in the left (east) bay beside two flat-headed window openings. The façade of #365 is altered, with the relocation of the entrance to the right bay and the replacement of the original entrance with a window opening. Each house has three flat-headed window openings in the second storey. The window openings have stone lintels and sills. The gabled dormer window in the attic level of #363 is a later addition. On #363, the west wall along Sherbourne Street has three flat-headed window openings in each of the first two stories, with a single opening in the attic level. The opening in the right (south) bay of the first floor has been filled in. The rear (south) additions are not included in the Reasons for Designation.

CONTEXT:

The properties at 363-365 Adelaide Street East are located at the southeast corner of Sherbourne Street. To the west, the complex of buildings located at Adelaide and George Streets and containing the Bank of Upper Canada Building, De La Salle Institute, and the Fourth Post Office is included on the *City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties* and designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. South of Paul Bishop's Houses, the King and Sherbourne branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada at 226 King Street East is another important heritage property.

SUMMARY:

The properties at 363-365 Adelaide Street East are identified for architectural and historical reasons. Dating as early as 1842, Paul Bishop's Houses are among the few buildings and perhaps the only residential structures from Old Town that survived the Great Fire of 1849. Paul Bishop's Houses are important reminders of early Toronto and the historical evolution of the King-Parliament neighbourhood.

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APPENDIX I

Short Statement of Reasons for Designation

Paul Bishop's Houses 363-365 Adelaide Street East

The properties at 363-365 Adelaide Street East were built for blacksmith Paul Bishop as early as 1842. The houses were located within the original Town of York, the ten-block area defined by present-day Front, George, Adelaide and Berkeley Streets. They are among the few buildings and perhaps the only residential structures from Old Town that survived the Great Fire of 1849.

The pair of townhouses display the brick surfaces, stone bases and detailing, and regular organization of openings characterized by the Georgian style of the early 19th century. Extending two stories above raised basements, the buildings are covered by gable roofs with firebreak walls and end chimneys. As originally designed, each house had a symmetrical three-bay north facade with an entrance on the left (on #365, the entrance is relocated to the right) The houses have flat-headed window openings with stone lintels and sills. The rear (south) additions are not included in the Reasons for Designation.

The properties at 363-365 Adelaide Street East are located on the southeast corner of Adelaide and Sherbourne Streets. Paul Bishop's Houses are important reminders of early Toronto and the historical evolution of the King-Parliament neighbourhood. The pair of townhouses display the brick surfaces, stone bases and detailing, and regular organization of openings characterized by the Georgian style of the early 19th century. Extending two stories above raised basements, the buildings are covered by gable roofs with firebreak walls and end chimneys. As originally designed, each house had a symmetrical three-bay north facade with an entrance on the left (on #365, the entrance is relocated to the right) The houses have flat-headed window openings with stone lintels and sills. The rear (south) additions are not included in the Reasons for Designation.

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SCHEDULE "C"

MAP AREA 5IG22

