

Authority: Toronto South Community Council Report No. 1, Clause No. 85,
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on January 27, 28 and 29, 2004
Enacted by Council: April 16, 2004

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 258-2004

To designate the property at 750 Davenport Road (Tollkeeper's Cottage) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 750 Davenport Road (Tollkeeper's Cottage) as being of cultural heritage 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 cultural heritage 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 750 Davenport Road 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 "A" 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 750 Davenport Road, more particularly described in Schedule "B" and shown on Schedule "C" 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 at 750 Davenport Road 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 16th day of April, A.D. 2004.

DAVID R. MILLER,
Mayor

ULLI S. WATKISS
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

SCHEDULE “A”
REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The property at 750 Davenport Road (Tollkeeper’s Cottage) is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural resource value or interest. Built in the early 19th century, the Tollkeeper’s Cottage is architecturally significant as an early dwelling constructed in the vertical plank and batten method. The Cottage is historically important as one of the few remaining office and living spaces for the tollkeepers who collected monies for the upkeep and creation of new roads in the 10th century. The Tollkeeper’s Cottage was moved several times from its origin at the south east corner of Bathurst Street and Davenport Road. In recent history it occupied sites at 370 Howland Avenue and 76 Wychwood Avenue before relocating to its permanent address at 750 Davenport Road, opposite the first site it stood upon.

Heritage attributes of the Tollkeeper’s Cottage are found on the exterior and interior of the building. Standing one storey tall on a simple rectangular plan, the building has been reoriented 180 degrees to face east at its new location. Pine is the principal construction material of the roof, walls and floor. The building is protected by a hipped roof supported by approximately 38 to 50 cm-wide roof boards, rafters and trusses. The roof incorporates a corbelled brick chimney, hand-split shingle cladding and wooden brackets with a plain soffit and fascia (the roof has been entirely rebuilt except for a segment of the original roofboards). A particularly important element of the exterior is the rare vertical plank and batten wall construction that is fastened by square cut nails and sheltered by weatherboard siding (rebuilt). Dimensions of the vertical planks are approximately 5 1/2 cm thick and 60 cm wide. Exterior elevations have square-headed openings, including the Tollkeeper’s window on the east façade (rebuilt), and the larger windows and external doors. The front, four-panelled door was once framed by a porch asymmetrically positioned in the east façade.

Important interior features include a short attic, simple mouldings around the window and door openings, the central location of the hearth, a wood floor constructed in tongue and groove (partially rebuilt) and rived lath and plaster walls (partially rebuilt). The floor plan configuration consists of two smaller rooms partitioned off the main room or Tollkeeper’s office.

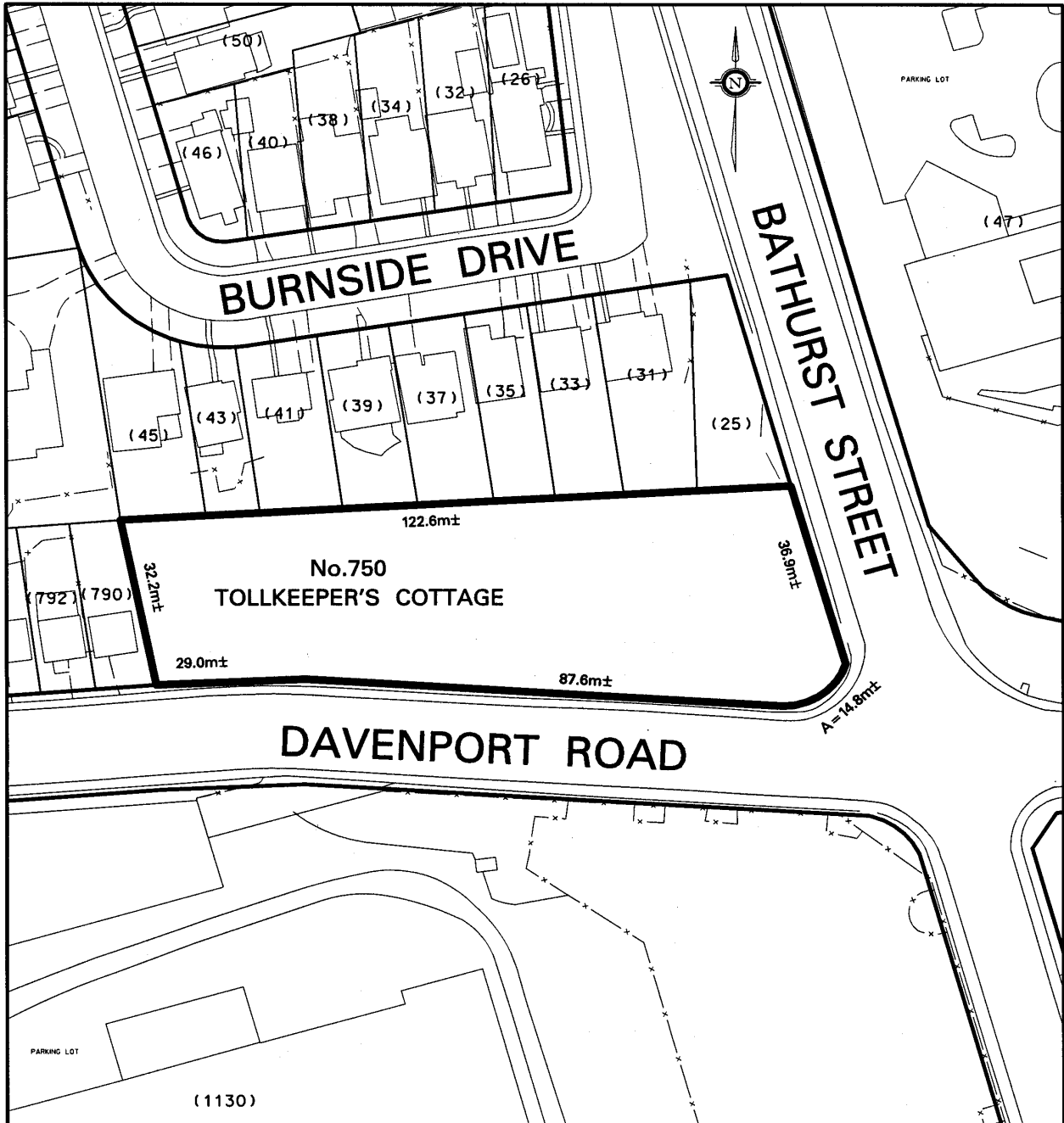
SCHEDULE "B"

PIN 21260-0260(LT).

Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, on Plan D1427 in the Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66).

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2004-027 dated March 5, 2004, as set out in Schedule "C".

SCHEDULE "C"



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WORKS & EMERGENCY SERVICES
TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION
SURVEY & MAPPING

NOTE:
THIS SKETCH IS NOT
A PLAN OF SURVEY
AND HAS BEEN COMPILED
FROM SURVEY NOTES AND
OFFICE RECORDS, IT SHALL
NOT BE USED EXCEPT FOR
THE PURPOSE INDICATED
IN THE TITLE BLOCK

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

No. 750 DAVENPORT ROAD
(TOLLKEEPER'S COTTAGE);
LAND DESIGNATED AS BEING OF
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

(NOT TO SCALE)

WARD 21 - ST. PAULS
DATE: MARCH 5, 2004

SKETCH No. PS-2004-027