

Authority: Notice of Motion J(21), moved by Deputy Mayor Pantalone, seconded by Councillor Silva, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on May 23, 24 and 25, 2006
Enacted by Council: July 27, 2006

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 633-2006

To designate the property at 606 College Street (Pylon Theatre) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 606 College Street (Pylon Theatre) 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 606 College Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, 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 was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

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

1. The property at 606 College Street, 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 606 College Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust 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 27th day of July, A.D. 2006.

DAVID R. MILLER,
Mayor

ULLI S. WATKISS
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

SCHEDULE “A”

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description

The property at 606 College Street is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the categories of design or physical value and contextual value. Located on the north side of College Street between Clinton Street and Grace Street, the Pylon Theatre was constructed in 1935 as a market building that was converted into a theatre in 1939 according to the designs of Toronto architect Bernard Swartz. The footprints of the legendary British stage and screen actress Dame Anna Neagle, who attended the opening of the venue in October 1939, were preserved in a concrete slab in the foyer. The complex was later known as the Golden Princess Theatre and, more recently, the Royal. The property was included on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 2005.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The cultural heritage value of the property at 606 College Street is related to its design or physical value as a representative example of a movie theatre from the World War II era that is designed in the Art Deco style.

The Pylon Theatre also has cultural heritage value for its contextual value as a local landmark on College Street, west of Bathurst Street. The building stands out amongst the adjoining commercial buildings and, with the neighbouring College Street Baptist Church (1888) at #506 and former Loyal Orange Lodge at #542, the Pylon Theatre is a recognized heritage property.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Pylon Theatre related to its cultural heritage value as a representative example of a World War II era movie theatre designed in the Art Deco style are found on the principal (south) facade and the roof above, consisting of:

- The two-storey principal (south) façade, with its application of buff brick for the cladding and trim.
- The organization of the lower storey into three parts with a central entrance flanked by storefronts and a box office.
- The projecting semi-circular marquee protecting the entry and box office.
- The centrally-placed, oversized and curved parapet that rises above the roof and supports a sign tower with a projecting vertical sign.

- On either side of the parapet, the treatment of the upper storey with curved edges, flat-headed window openings, and cast stone band courses that are flanked by banded brick pilasters with stylized capitals extending above the edge of the roof.

SCHEDULE “B”

PIN 21252-0480 (LT).

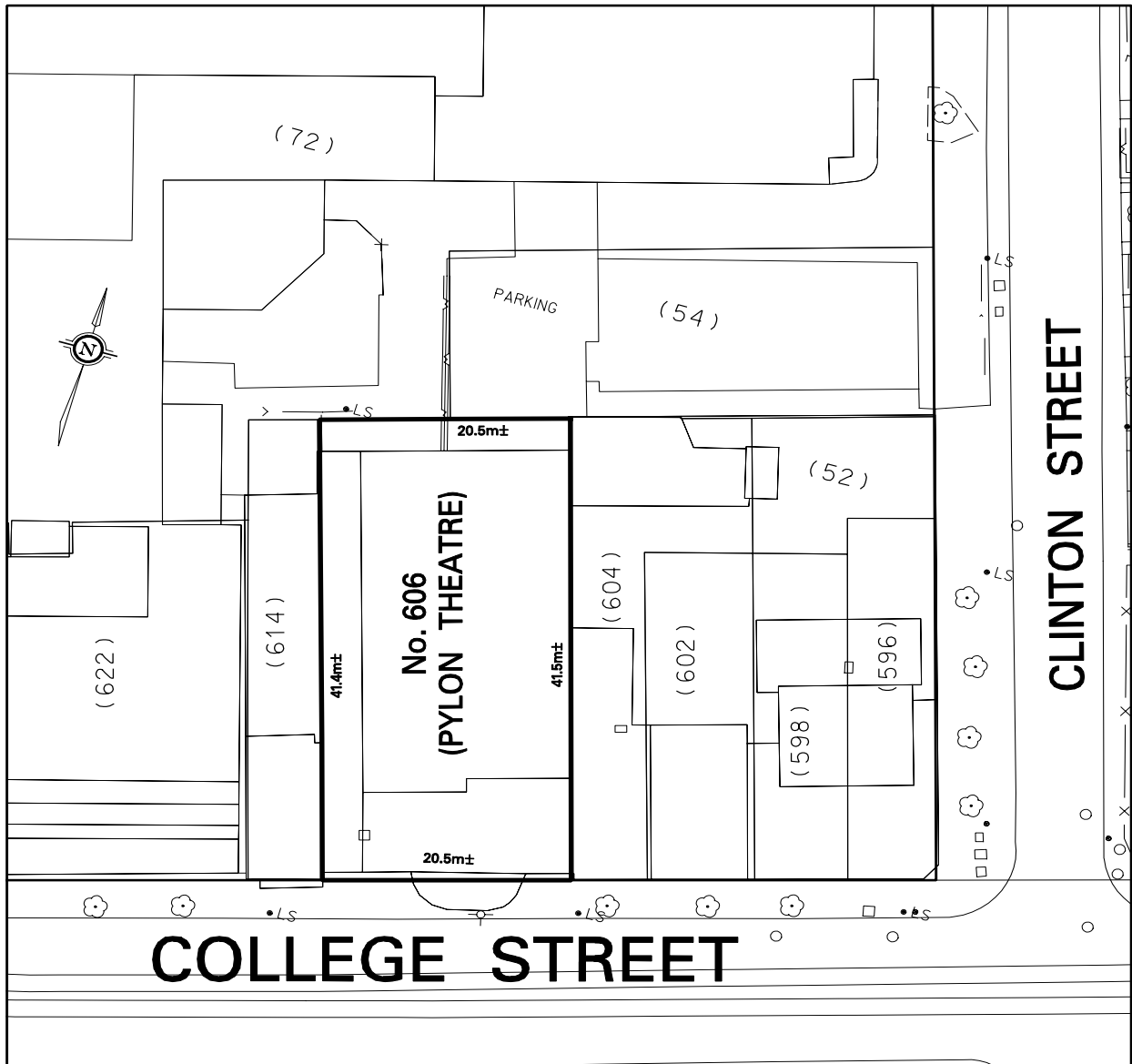
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City of Toronto and Province of Ontario

Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2006-091 dated June 10, 2006, as set out in Schedule “C”.

SCHEDULE "C"



COLLEGE STREET

CLINTON STREET

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

No. 606 COLLEGE STREET
(PYLON THEATRE)

LAND DESIGNATED AS BEING OF
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST

(NOT TO SCALE)



TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION
SURVEY & MAPPING SERVICES

NOTE:
THIS SKETCH IS NOT
A PLAN OF SURVEY
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FROM SURVEY NOTES AND
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THE PURPOSE INDICATED
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