

Authority: Etobicoke York Community Council Item 4.33,
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on April 23 and 24, 2007
Enacted by Council: January 30, 2008

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 71-2008

To designate the property at 23 Jason Road (Elm Bank, pre-1820) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 23 Jason Road (Elm Bank, pre-1820) 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 23 Jason Road 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, Notice requirements under 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 23 Jason 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 23 Jason Road 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, Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 30th day of January, A.D. 2008.

SANDRA BUSSIN,
Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

SCHEDULE “A”

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description

The property at 23 Jason Road 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, historical and contextual value. Located on the south side of Jason Road in the area southeast of Islington Avenue and Albion Road in Etobicoke, the two-storey house form building was constructed prior to 1820 according to historical records and a physical analysis of the structure. The house at 23 Jason Road and the adjoining Regency Cottage (circa 1834) at 19 Jason Road are together known as “Elm Bank.” The property at 23 Jason Road is listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Design or Physical Value:

Elm Bank (pre-1820) is an early house form building distinguished by its stone construction. While the small window openings in the upper floor and the returned eaves with brackets are reminiscent of Greek Revival styling, with the irregular placement of most of the openings the structure is a unique example of vernacular architecture.

Historical or Associative Value:

John Grubb, who acquired this stone house after his arrival in Canada from Scotland in 1831, is historically significant for his contributions to the development of Etobicoke. Grubb acquired property along the West Branch of the Humber River where he established two farms named “Brae Burn” and “Elm Bank.” While residing in the stone house at 23 Jason Road, he commissioned the neighbouring Regency Cottage (circa 1834) now identified as 19 Jason Road. Once joined together, the two buildings are both named Elm Bank. Grubb was involved in the subdivision of his lands for the creation of a village around the intersection of present-day Islington Avenue and Albion Road, which was known as St. Andrew before being renamed Thistletown. Serving as an area magistrate on the Home District Council, Grubb directed several companies that constructed plank roads in the district, including sections of present-day Weston Road and Albion Road. His descendants retain Elm Bank to present day.

Contextual Value:

The properties at 19 and 23 Jason Road contain two adjoining stone houses, together known as Elm Bank, which are landmarks in the community for their physical appearance and positions on a rise of land above the West Branch of the Humber River. On the opposite (north) side of Jason Road, the house form building at #32 is purported to rest on the foundations of the barn associated with Elm Bank, while its neighbour at #34 is a former outbuilding, converted to a residence. The latter properties are listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties and form a residential enclave in the Thistletown neighbourhood.

North of the Elm Bank properties, Thistletown contains the Franklin Carmichael Art Centre at 34 Riverdale Drive, which is another Etobicoke landmark recognized on the City's heritage inventory. The unusual log-clad house form building was constructed in 1934 as the residence of Dr. Agnes Ann Curtin, one of the first female medical doctors who graduated from the University of Toronto and an accomplished artist associated with the Group of Seven. Like Elm Bank, the property at 34 Riverdale Drive views the West Branch of the Humber River from its setting at the east end of a city park.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of Elm Bank (pre-1820) at 23 Jason Road related to its cultural heritage value as a unique example of vernacular architecture distinguished by its stone construction are found on the exterior walls and roof, consisting of:

- The narrow 1½-storey rectangular plan with the long north wall facing Jason Road.
- The materials, consisting of ledgerstone construction (from the Humber River valley) and trim.
- The low-pitched gable roof with returned eaves and brackets (not original, the brick chimney on the south side is not identified as a heritage attribute).
- The principal (north) façade, which is asymmetrically organized in three wide bays, with the main entrance located in the right (west) bay in a flat-headed surround with a flat arch.
- The fenestration on all elevations, consisting of flat-headed window openings with flat arches that contain multi-paned sash windows.

SCHEDULE “B”

PIN 07326-0093 (LT)

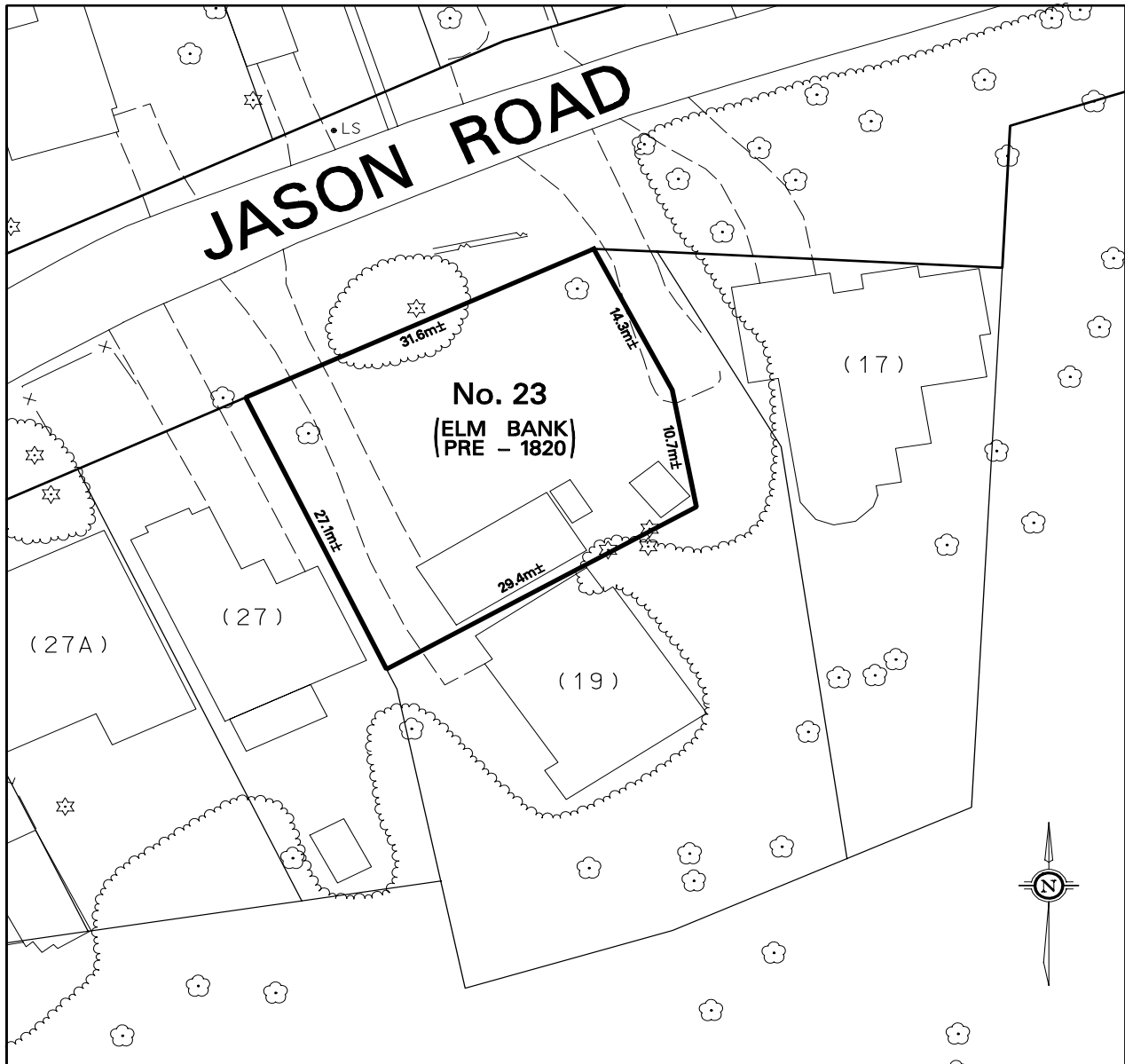
PARCEL 113-2, SECTION M433 PT LT 113 ON THE N/S OF RIVERDALE DRIVE ON PLAN M433, AS PT 3 ON PLAN 66R13716

City of Toronto (former City of Etobicoke)

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

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2007-201 dated August 14, 2007, as set out in Schedule “C”.

SCHEDULE "C"



Toronto

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION
SURVEY & MAPPING SERVICES

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. 23 JASON ROAD
(ELM BANK, PRE - 1820)
LAND DESIGNATED AS BEING OF
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST
(NOT TO SCALE)

WARD 1 - ETOBICOKE NORTH
DATE: AUG. 14, 2007

SKETCH No. PS-2007-201