

Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council Item 11.12,
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on November 29, 30 and December 1, 2011
Enacted by Council: July 13, 2012

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 943-2012

To designate the property at 291 King Street West (George Garden Building) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 291 King Street West (George Garden Building) 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 buildings and structures located 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 291 King Street West and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a 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 291 King Street West, 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 291 King Street West 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 13th day of July, A.D. 2012.

FRANCES NUNZIATA,
Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS,
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

SCHEDULE "A"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

291 King Street West: George Garden Building

Description

The property at 291 King Street West is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the provincial criteria for municipal designation under the categories of design and contextual values. The George Garden Building (1875) is a three-storey commercial building that is located on the south side of King Street West in the block west of John Street. The property was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 2009.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The George Garden Building at 291 King Street West has design significance as a representative example of a late 19th century building that displays architectural features derived from the Italianate and Renaissance Revival designs popular for commercial edifices during this era. The building is distinguished by its red brick cladding, with contrasting buff brick applied for the window detailing, and the classically-inspired cornice. With these features, the George Garden Building complements its neighbours, including the similar George Garden Building directly west at 293 King Street West, and the William Barber Building to the east at #287 King, with the latter property designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Contextually, the property at 291 King Street West is historically linked to the King-Spadina neighbourhood as it evolved from its origins as an institutional and residential enclave to a commercial and industrial sector in the late 19th century. Following the relocation of the first Toronto General Hospital, the original Upper Canada College and the Provincial Legislature from the district, which had attracted upscale housing, in the late 1800s King Street West reverted to commercial uses, particularly multi-storey buildings with residential units above the storefronts. The block on King Street West, west of John Street, including the George Garden Building, is of special interest for its collection of surviving commercial buildings and is known locally as "Restaurant Row" with its proximity to the theatres in the city's Entertainment District.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes are:

- The three-storey commercial building
- The scale, form and massing
- The materials, with red brick cladding and brick and stone detailing
- The principal (north) three-bay façade, with a cornice along the flat roofline
- The first-floor storefront, which has been remodelled as part of the evolution of the building, where the main entrance is currently found in the right (west) bay

- The fenestration, with segmental-arched window openings in the second storey and round-arched window openings in the third storey, with contrasting buff brick hood moulds and flat arches
- The decorative detailing with a single pier at the east end

SCHEDULE "B"
Legal Description

Part of PIN 21413-0099 (LT)

Lot B and part of Lot C on Plan D142 as in CA59155

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-2012-046 dated April 2, 2012, as set out in Schedule "C".

