

Authority: Etobicoke York Community Council Item 8.8,
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on July 12, 13 and 14, 2011
Enacted by Council: October 4, 2012

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 1237-2012

To amend By-law No. 264-2003, being a by-law to designate the property at 691 Scarlett Road (St. Matthias Anglican Church) as being of cultural heritage value or interest by revising the reasons for designation to include a statement of cultural heritage value and a description of heritage attributes.

WHEREAS section 30.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S. O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to amend a bylaw to designate property to include a statement of cultural heritage value or interest and a list of heritage attributes; and

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to amend By-law No. 264-2003 to revise the reasons for designation to include a statement of cultural heritage value for the property located at 691 Scarlett Road (St. Matthias Anglican Church) and a description of its heritage attributes; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as 691 Scarlett Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to amend By-law No. 264-2003; and

WHEREAS the revised reasons for designation including a statement of cultural heritage value and a description of heritage attributes 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. By-law No. 264-2003 is amended by deleting Schedule "A" and replacing it with Schedule "A" attached to this by-law.
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 By-law No. 264-2003 and as set out 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 691 Scarlett Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 4th day of October, A.D. 2012.

FRANCES NUNZIATA,
Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS,
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

SCHEDULE "A"**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**Description

The property at 691 Scarlett Road is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design, associative and contextual value. Located on the southeast corner of Scarlett Road and Kingdom Street, St. Matthias Anglican Church (1895) is a single-storey church building that was relocated from Malton to the Etobicoke community of Westmount in 1923.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

St. Matthias Anglican Church has design value as a rare example of a late 19th century country church identified as a heritage resource in Etobicoke that was designed in the Victorian Gothic Revival style. Popularized for religious architecture in the late 1800s and early 1900s, the hallmarks of the style include the pointed-arch window openings and picturesque roofline with a bell cote that are illustrated at St. Matthias.

The property is associated with the historical development of the Westmount community, which was founded in the World War I era as a residential neighbourhood for workers at the munitions plants across the Humber River in Weston. Following its move to Westmount in the early 1920s, St. Matthias Anglican Church became an important institutional building in the hamlet.

The church is also linked to Hurricane Hazel, the tragic event that occurred on October 15, 1954 and devastated the Westmount community. When the flooding of the Humber River swept away houses in Westmount, culminating in the deaths of 36 residents, St. Matthias served as the rescue center for the neighbourhood during the storm and in the days that followed.

Contextually, with its country church appearance and placement on a corner lot on Scarlett Road south of Lawrence Avenue West, St. Matthias Anglican Church is a local landmark in Etobicoke.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 691 Scarlett Road are:

- The scale, form and massing of the single-storey L-shaped plan that incorporates a three-side apse at the east and a shed-roofed wing at the southeast corner
- The steeply-pitched cross-gable roof with a bell cote at the west end and a brick chimney on the south
- The wood construction and cladding (currently concealed)

- The main entrance, which is placed on the principal (west) façade in a single-storey enclosed porch with a gable roof
- The pointed-arch and flat-headed window openings containing stained glass
- The placement and setback of the building on a corner lot

SCHEDULE "B"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN 07378-0170 (LT)

Lot 19 on Plan 2002

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