

Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council Item 13.14,  
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on March 5, 6 and 7, 2012  
Enacted by Council: October 4, 2012

**CITY OF TORONTO**

**BY-LAW No. 1241-2012**

**To designate the property at 297 George Street (Salvation Army Rest Home) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.**

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property municipally known as 297 George Street (Salvation Army Rest Home) 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 297 George Street 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 297 George 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 297 George Street 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 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 297 George Street is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design, associative and contextual values. Located on the east side of George Street between Dundas Street East and Gerrard Street East, the property contains a 2½-storey house form building (1856).

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The house form building at 297 George Street has design value as a rare surviving example of a residential structure in downtown Toronto dating to the mid 1800s. Its period origins are seen in the narrow rectangular plan and three-bay principal (west) facade that complements the neighbouring house at 295 George Street that was constructed at the same time (the latter structure was modified in the late 19th- and early-20th centuries).

For over half a century, the property at 297 George Street was associated with the Salvation Army in Canada, an institution of international importance. Founded by William Booth in England before Confederation, the Salvation Army is a Christian religious body that became noted for its social welfare work after its arrival in Canada in 1882. Four years later, with the donation of the George Street property by Toronto businessman and philanthropist William Gooderham, Jr. (son of the co-founder of the Gooderham and Worts Distillery), the Salvation Army opened a rest home (shelter) on the premises.

Contextually, the property at 297 George Street is historically linked to its surroundings in the neighbourhood adjoining Sherbourne Street where the former 'park lot' acquired by the prominent Allan family was subdivided for residential developments beginning in the mid 1800s. The former Salvation Army Rest Home and the neighbouring town house at 295 George Street were constructed as a pair of semi-detached houses that remain the oldest surviving buildings in this section of George Street. The house form building at 297 George Street forms part of a streetscape of extant 19th and early-20th century residential buildings that includes the Thomas Meredith House at 305 George Street, which is designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 297 George Street are:

- The scale, form and massing of the 2½-storey house form building
- The rectangular-shaped plan, with a narrow three-bay principal (west) facade on George Street
- The materials, with brick cladding, and brick and stone trim

- The gable roof with a firebreak on the north end, a brick chimney at the south end and, beneath the eaves, corbelled brickwork
- The symmetrical placement of the door and window openings on the west façade with the main entrance placed in the left (north bay of the lower floor)
- The exposed north elevation that is viewed from George Street

**SCHEDULE "B"**

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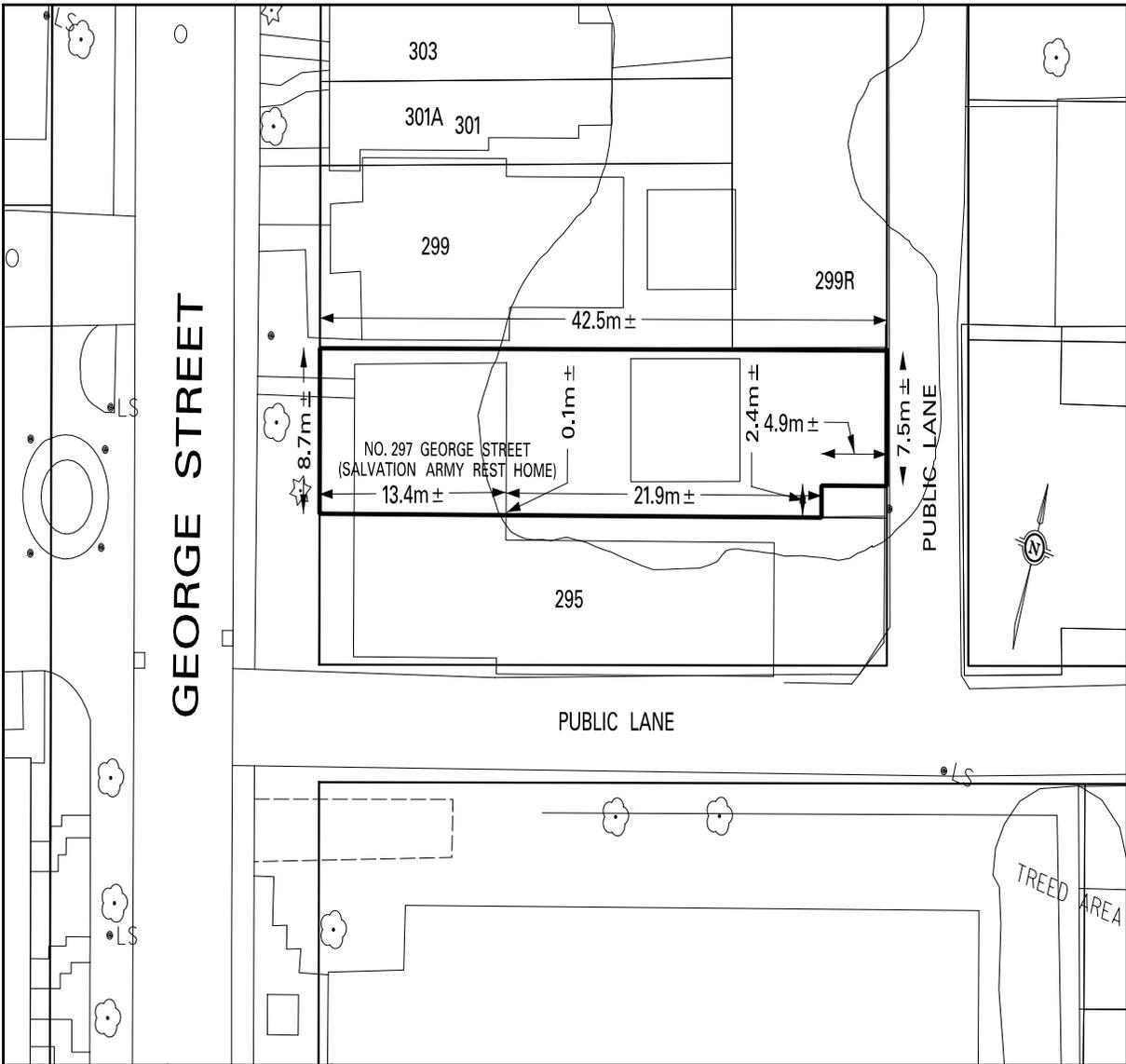
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City of Toronto and Province of Ontario

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

The herein before described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2012-056 dated May 8, 2012, as set out in Schedule "C".

SCHEDULE "C"



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. 297 GEORGE STREET (SALVATION ARMY REST HOME).  
LAND DESIGNATED AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST

PREPARED BY: DWAYNE PITT

CHECKED BY JOHN HOUSE

WARD 27 - TORONTO CENTRE-ROSEDALE  
DATE: MAY 08, 2012

SKETCH No. PS-2012-056