

Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council Item 16.7,
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on July 11, 12 and 13, 2012
Enacted by Council: November 1, 2012

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 1417-2012

**To designate the property at 1115 Queen Street West (Queen and Lisgar Library)
as being of cultural heritage value or interest.**

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property municipally known as 1115 Queen Street West (Queen and Lisgar Library) 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 1115 Queen 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 1115 Queen 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 1115 Queen 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 1st day of November, A.D. 2012.

FRANCES NUNZIATA,
Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS,
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

SCHEDULE "A"**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION 1115 QUEEN STREET WEST
(STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE)**Description

The property at 1115 Queen Street West 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 southeast corner of Queen Street West and Lisgar Street, the Queen and Lisgar Library (1908) is a single-storey institutional building. The site was listed on the first City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1973.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Queen and Lisgar Library is a highly-crafted example of Edwardian Classicism designed according to Beaux-Arts principles and applied to one of the first Carnegie libraries in Toronto. Its architectural elements, specifically the roof plan and classical detailing, were specifically designed for the building to distinguish it from other contemporary library branches and identify it as an important institutional edifice.

The site is historically associated with the development of the Toronto Public Library system, its expansion under the leadership of the first chief librarian, James Bain, and the construction of the original reference library and the first purpose-built branches (which included the Queen and Lisgar Library) with funding from American industrialist Andrew Carnegie.

The Queen and Lisgar Library was designed under the auspices of Robert McCallum in his role as City Architect for the municipality and followed his study tour of libraries in the northeastern United States. It remains part of a collection of significant institutional buildings, among which are the extant Palm House at Allan Gardens and the former City Morgue at 86 Lombard Street, that represent McCallum's decade-long tenure as City Architect between 1903 and 1913.

Contextually, the Queen and Lisgar Library is an integral part of a collection of buildings and structures along this section of Queen Street West, east of Dufferin Street to which it is historically and visually linked. The library stands with the adjoining Postal Station G, the Dovercourt YMCA, the surviving walls of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, and the iconic Gladstone Hotel, as recognized heritage properties in the revitalized neighbourhood most recently known as West Queen West.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 1115 Queen Street West are:

- The single-storey library building
- The scale, form and massing on a T-shaped plan with a raised base with openings on the east and west sides
- The materials, with red brick cladding and brick, stone and wood detailing

- The truncated hipped roof with extended eaves and a dentilated cornice
- On the principal (north) façade, the symmetrical organization of the openings with a central frontispiece with a nameband and a parapet with a datestone
- The main (north) entrance, which is centered and elevated in the wall, with a pair of paneled wood doors with inserts and a flat transom set in a stone surround with classical detailing
- Flanking the north entry, the single flat-headed three-part window openings that are highlighted with multiple keystones
- On the side elevations (east and west), the trios of flat-headed window openings
- The classical detailing, which incorporates band courses, panels, quoins, piers with capitals, and swag motifs

SCHEDULE "B"

PIN 21298-0005 (LT)

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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-2012-089 dated September 17, 2012, as set out in Schedule "C".

