

Authority: CC9.6, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on September 30, October 1 and 2, 2015 and Toronto and East York Community Council Item TE18.19, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on October 2, 3 and 4, 2012

**CITY OF TORONTO**

**BY-LAW No. 203-2016**

**To designate the property at 91 King Street East (Albany Club) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.**

Whereas the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 91 King Street East (the Albany Club) as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas the Council of the City of Toronto caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known 91 King Street East and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and 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, § 162-4.1. Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

Whereas a notice of objection to the designation dated December 7, 2012 was served upon the Clerk of the municipality; and

Whereas the objection has been withdrawn and Council has agreed to revised reasons for designation; and

Whereas the revised reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. The property at 91 King Street East, 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 91 King Street East 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, § 162-4.1. Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Enacted and passed on March 10, 2016.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

Ulli S. Watkiss,  
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**  
**(STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE)**

Description

The property at 91 King Street East (which includes the property with a convenience address of 93 King Street East) 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 categories of design, associative and contextual values. Located on the south side of King Street East between Leader Lane (west) and Church Street (east), the Albany Club (1930) is a four-storey institutional building that replaced two units of the five-part Victoria Row, a mid-19th century commercial block.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The property at 91 King Street East has design value as an excellent example of an institutional building designed in the Modern Classical style that was influenced by the gentlemen's clubs introduced in England and North America. Its stone-clad façade with classical detailing inspired by Italian Renaissance designs contributes to its architectural significance.

The Albany Club is an institution of significance in Toronto, which was founded in the 19th century by the Conservative Party as a political club with links to both federal and provincial politics. Regarded as the last surviving political club in Canada, the Albany Club has retained an active and visible presence on King Street East for over a century.

The property at 91 King Street East contributes to an understanding of the development and significance of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood as it evolved from its origins as "Old Town", survived the Great Fire of 1849 as the commercial and institutional heart of Toronto, and withstood the economic downturn of the area in the 20th century before it was revitalized in the 1960s. The Albany Club has contributed to the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood for over a century since it established its premises on King Street East in the oldest part of the city.

The updates to the Albany Club were designed by one of its members, the Toronto architect C. J. Gibson, who was known for his residential commissions in the City's upscale neighbourhoods. The Albany Club was one of a select number of institutional commissions accepted by Gibson, along with the Earls Court Library (which is recognized on the City of Toronto's heritage inventory).

Contextually, the property at 91 King Street East is significant in defining, maintaining and supporting the historic character of King Street in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood, which is identified by the low scale and appearance of the surviving stores, banks, hotels, warehouses and institutional edifices. As an institutional building that was remodelled in 1930, the Albany Club is an integral component of a group of surviving commercial and institutional edifices that illustrates the evolution of King Street East as the Town of York's original "main street".

The Albany Club is also physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings on King Street East between Leader Lane and Church Street where it is placed near the east end of a

collection of commercial and institutional buildings from the late 19th and early 20th centuries that includes some of the oldest surviving structures in Toronto.

#### Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 91 King Street East are:

- The four-storey institutional building, which relates its scale, setback and massing to the neighbouring buildings on the west and east
- The materials, with stone cladding and trim on the principal (north) façade
- The tripartite organization of the north façade with a base, shaft and cornice
- The base, where the main entrance is placed in the west half of the wall in an elaborate stone surround with paired wood doors and classical detailing
- The flat-headed window openings flanking the north entry and in the east half of the base
- The second and third floors, where the flat-headed window openings are separated by two-storey stone piers with classical detailing
- The fourth storey with an arcade of round-arched openings
- The roof detailing with a scrolled pediment, and the piers with decorative balls that mark the outer corners of the roof

**SCHEDULE "B"**  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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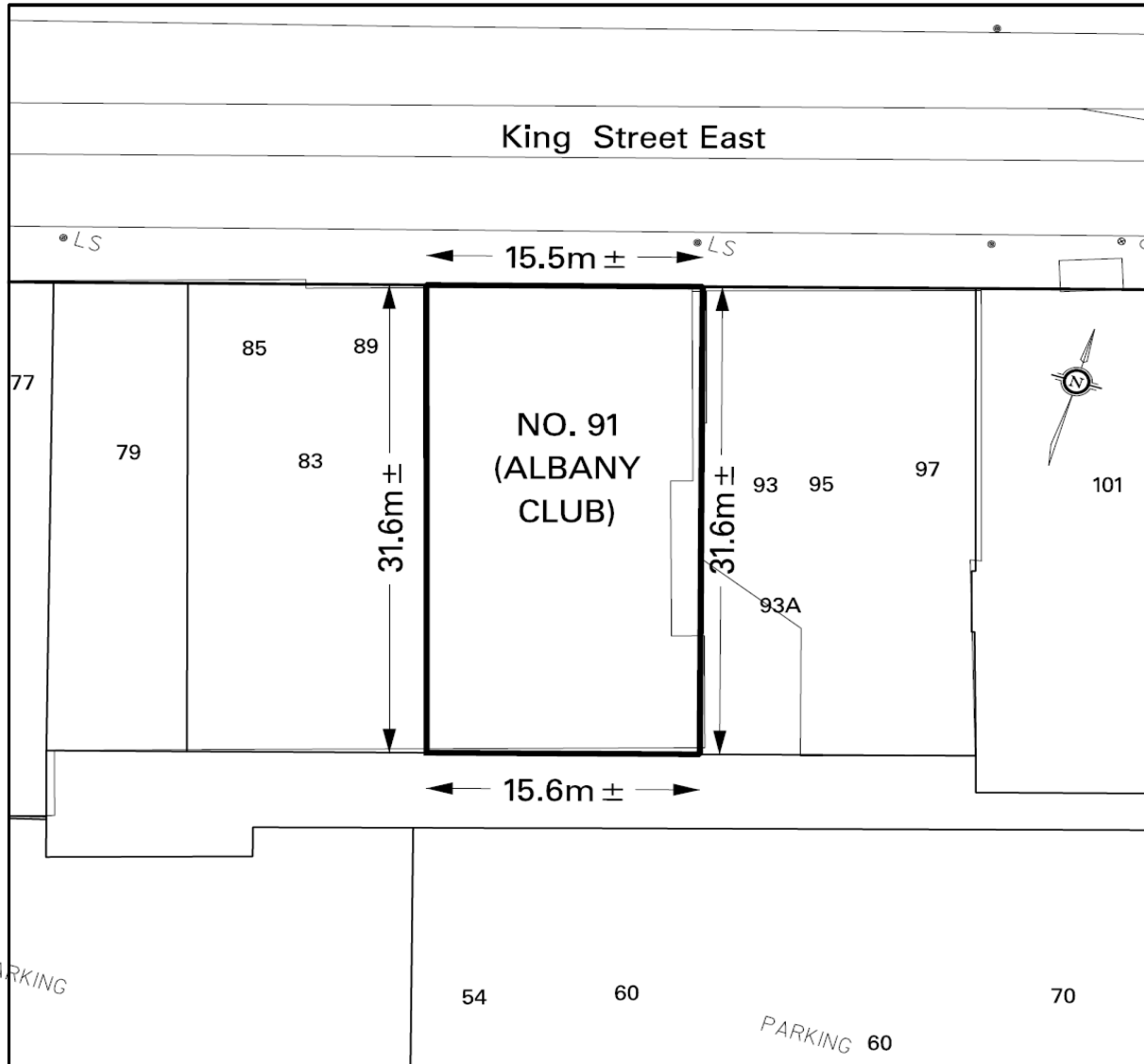
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City of Toronto and Province of Ontario

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

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2015-155 dated December 3, 2015, as set out in Schedule "C".

SCHEDULE "C"



ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES  
 ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES  
 LAND & PROPERTY SURVEYS

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

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 PREPARED BY: DWAYNE PITT

WARD 28 - TORONTO CENTRE-ROSEDALE  
 DATE: DECEMBER 03, 2015

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET  
 NO. 91 KING STREET EAST  
 (ALBANY CLUB)  
 LAND DESIGNATED AS BEING OF  
 CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST  
 (NOT TO SCALE)

SKETCH No. PS-2015-155