

Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council
Item TE18.9, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on
September 30, October 1 and 2, 2020

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW 1140-2020

To designate the properties at 176-178 Front Street East and 33 Sherbourne Street 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 properties at 176-178 Front Street East and 33 Sherbourne Street as being 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 lands and premises known as 176-178 Front Street East and 33 Sherbourne Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property, and has caused the Notice of Intention to be posted on the City's website 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 no notice of objection was served upon the Clerk of the municipality; and

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

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

- 1.** The properties at 176-178 Front Street East and 33 Sherbourne Street, more particularly described in Schedule B 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 properties at 176-178 Front Street East and 33 Sherbourne Street at and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be posted on the City's website 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 December 18, 2020.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge
Interim City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

SCHEDULE A**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
REASONS FOR DESIGNATION****33 Sherbourne Street****Reasons for Designation**

The property at 33 Sherbourne Street (including the entrance addresses at 33 A Sherbourne Street and 176 Front Street East) is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under the categories of design and contextual value.

Description

Located on the east side of the street between Front Street East and King Street East, the property at 33 Sherbourne Street contains a two-storey early 20th century vernacular commercial building that was completed in 1918. The property is located on one of the original 10 blocks of the Town of York, and is one of the few remaining buildings that reflects the period of industrialization within the original 10 blocks. The Whitfield Building was constructed as an extension to a factory building located to the south at 176 Front Street East, and served as office space for the John Whitfield Company, which managed the Dominion Chain Works located on the property. The building remained as the offices for the John Whitfield Company until the death of John Whitfield in 1926, after which the company – later renamed Whitfield Engineering – retained space in the building, while leasing additional space out to a variety of small manufacturers. The Dominion Chain Works factory was demolished in 1955, and replaced by a service station. The property at 33 Sherbourne Street was identified as a contributing property in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District Plan, which was adopted by City Council in 2015.

Statement of Significance

The property at 33 Sherbourne Street has cultural heritage value as a representative example of an early 20th century vernacular commercial building, constructed to provide office space for related manufacturing uses. The Whitfield Building is a unique example of a building designed to provide office space for related manufacturing uses, and retains physical features that are both reflective of its utilitarian purposes, while being reminiscent of early 19th century storefront buildings, including the brick piers which vertically articulate its principal façade, its 2-storey streetwall, and the window openings, which are designed at a pedestrian height and scale. The property at 33 Sherbourne Street is located on a block that transitioned from the industrial and manufacturing character of Front Street East to the main street character of King Street East, with the design of the building reflecting these two unique contexts.

The property at 33 Sherbourne Street supports the historical context of the St. Lawrence neighbourhood, and in particular the original 10 blocks of the Town of York, as it evolved from its planned town context in the early 1800s to a manufacturing and industrial district in the latter half of the 19th century. The Whitfield Building contributes to the surviving collection of recognized heritage buildings from all phases of the development of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood, and is one of the few remaining buildings within the original 10 blocks of the

Town of York that reflects the neighbourhood's manufacturing and industrial period of development. With its location on the east side of Sherbourne Street between Front Street East and King Street East, the Whitfield Building is part of an important block that transitions from the industrial character of Front Street East, to the main street character of King Street East, and which includes buildings that help support an understanding of that historic context, including 178 Front Street East (1941), and the National Hotel and Tavern at 251 King Street East (1868, with additions).

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Whitfield Building at 33 Sherbourne Street are:

- The placement and setback of the building on the east side of Sherbourne Street between Front Street East and King Street East.
- The scale, form and massing of the two-storey rectangular-shaped plan building.
- The brick cladding of the principal (west) façade of the building.
- The flat roofline with the simple brick parapet and metal coping.
- The principal (west) façade which is divided into three bays by 2-storey brick piers, each bay containing flat headed rectangular window openings on the first and second storeys, and an entrance within the southernmost bay.

Note: The side (north and south) facades are not identified as heritage attributes.

178 Front Street East

Reasons for Designation

The property at 178 Front Street East is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under the category of contextual value.

Description

Located on the north side of the street between Sherbourne Street and Princess Street, the property at 178 Front Street East contains a two and a half storey warehouse building that was completed in 1941 and built by the contractor J.E. LeWars. The property is located on one of the original 10 blocks of the Town of York, and is one of the few remaining buildings that reflects the period of industrialization within the original 10 blocks. The Pearlman & Goldberg Building was constructed as a warehouse facility for the Pearlman & Goldberg Company, which traded in hides, wools and furs, and replaced an earlier warehouse building that served a similar purpose. The building served as the warehouse for the Pearlman & Goldberg Company through the 1950s, after which it was sold to Samuel Harris, who ran his fabric and textiles business out of the building until the company was sold in 1993. The property at 178 Front Street East was identified as a contributing heritage property in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District Plan, which was adopted by City Council in 2015.

Statement of Significance

The property at 178 Front Street East has contextual value as it supports the historical context of the St. Lawrence neighbourhood, and in particular the original 10 blocks of the Town of York, which evolved from its planned town context in the early 1800s to a manufacturing and industrial district in the latter half of the 19th century. The Pearlman & Goldberg Building contributes to the collection of recognized heritage buildings from all phases of the development of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood, and is one of the few remaining buildings within the original 10 blocks of the Town of York that reflects the neighbourhood's manufacturing and industrial period of development. The building's brick cladding, planar façade with minimal ornamentation, and large windows that are designed to provide access to light – rather than engage with the sidewalk and pedestrian realm – are features that relate to the neighbourhood's manufacturing context. With its location on the north side of Front Street East between Sherbourne Street and Princess Street, the Pearlman & Goldberg Building is part of an important block that transitions from the industrial character of Front Street East, to the main street character of King Street East, and which includes buildings that help support an understanding of that historic context, including 33 Sherbourne Street (1918), and the National Hotel and Tavern at 251 King Street East (1868, with additions).

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Pearlman & Goldberg Building at 178 Front Street East are:

- The placement and setback of the building on the north side of Front Street East between Sherbourne Street and Frederick Street.
- The scale, form and massing of the two and a half storey rectangular-shaped plan building.
- The brick cladding of the principal (south) façade of the building.
- The flat roofline with the simple brick parapet and metal coping.
- The principal (south) façade which is divided into five bays, the central three bays containing flat headed rectangular window openings on the first and second storeys, and the outer two bays containing entrances with windows above, and which are both slightly recessed from the otherwise planar principal façade.

Note: The side (west) and rear (north) facades are not identified as heritage attributes.

SCHEDULE B
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN 21091-0260 (LT)
PART OF TOWN LOT 4, NORTH SIDE OF PALACE STREET,
PLAN OF THE TOWN OF YORK AS IN CT122526
PIN 21091-0261 (LT)
PART OF TOWN LOTS 3 & 4, NORTH SIDE OF PALACE STREET,
PLAN OF THE TOWN OF YORK AS IN CA687186

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