

Authority: Etobicoke York Community Council
Item EY19.4, as adopted by City of Toronto
Council on November 25 and 26, 2020

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW 239-2021

To designate the property at 165 Stanley Avenue 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 165 Stanley Avenue 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 165 Stanley Avenue 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 property at 165 Stanley Avenue, 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 property at 165 Stanley Avenue 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 April 8, 2021.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,
Interim City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

SCHEDULE A

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The property at 165 Stanley Avenue 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 all three criteria of design and physical, historical and associative, and contextual values.

Description

The property at 165 Stanley Avenue is a Collegiate Gothic style building that is comprised of five one- and two-storey structures that are interconnected and were constructed from 1926-76 on the south side of Stanley Avenue between Royal York Road and Elizabeth Street. The original building, which was formerly called St Leo's Separate School, was built in 1926 by Mimico Separate School Board with the assistance of the congregation of St Leo's Catholic Church. Several additions were made during the latter half of the twentieth century, including a southern addition in 1956-7, a southeastern addition in 1958, and a southwestern addition in 1963. These three buildings are representative of the Modernist aesthetic and they are associated with the architectural firm Horwood and White. Another addition was made to the east of the original building adjoining the eastern wall in 1976, which was designed by Stafford Haensli Architects.

The property at 165 Stanley Avenue was listed on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register on September 27, 2006 and was originally listed on the former City of Etobicoke Inventory of Heritage Properties.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Design and Physical Value

The original 1926 portion of St Leo's Catholic School has design value as a representative example of the Collegiate Gothic style, which was popularized in Canada in the early-twentieth century during the interwar period and was frequently applied to institutional buildings throughout the city. Expressions of this architectural style are evident in the brown brick masonry in varying hues with stone detailing, including the imbedded stone plaque above the principal (north) doorway, the low-rise two-storey scale of the building, the horizontal form of the wing fronting Stanley Avenue, and the form and massing of the building, consisting of three-interconnected wings forming a U-shape and flanking a central rectangular massing. The Collegiate Gothic style is apparent in the projecting steeply-pitched gable entrance of the principal (north) elevation, which contains a central doorway and flanking flat-headed windows, all of which are ornamented with stone quoins. The same gables are repeated in the side (east and west) elevations at the northeast and northwest corners as well as in the rear (south) elevation. The style is further expressed in the stone lintels that sit atop the principal (north) elevation entrance and windows, the former being pierced by a pointed segmental arch and the latter by segmental arches, as well as in the stone sills. There also stone drip moulds above the lintels of the doorway and flanking windows in the principal (north) elevation. Neighbouring the main gable entrance in the principal (north) elevation are flat-headed, multi-pane, windows on either

side that appear in two groups of four. This window arrangement is repeated in the side (west) elevation to the left and right of a pair of flat-headed windows, all of which contain stone sills. An additional layer of ornamentation is visible in the side (east and west) walls below the gables, which consist of brick soldier course detailing with stone corners, creating decorative squares on the walls.

Historical and Associative Value

St Leo's Catholic School has historical and associative value through its association with the parish of St Leo's Catholic Church, which is significant to the community as it is the oldest Catholic church in Etobicoke and the only Catholic church in Mimico. The modest size of the original 1926 building is directly associated with the church having partially bore the cost of building and maintaining the school during the first half of the twentieth century.

Contextual Value

St Leo's Catholic School has contextual value as being important in defining, maintaining and supporting the historic character of the area that was the institutional core of the community northeast of Lake Shore Boulevard and Royal York Road. In this location since the early-twentieth century, St Leo's Catholic school continues to support the Catholic community in Mimico as both a cultural and educational centre. St Leo's Catholic School also has value for its physical, visual, and historical relationship to its setting in Mimico. It stands with other institutional buildings on the adjoining streets that contribute to and sustain the story of Mimico's development over 150-years and its sense of place today.

Heritage Attributes

Design and Physical Value

Attributes that contribute to the value of the original 1926 portion of the school at 165 Stanley Avenue as a representative example of the Collegiate Gothic style:

- The brown brick masonry in varying hues with stone detailing
- The low-rise two-storey scale of the building
- The form and massing of the building, consisting of three-interconnected wings forming a U-shape and flanking a central rectangular massing
- The steeply pitched gables, which appear singly in the principal (north) and side (east and west) elevations and in a pair in the rear (south) elevation

In the principal (north) elevation:

- The horizontal form of the wing fronting Stanley Avenue
- The imbedded stone plaque above the doorway

- The central projecting entrance containing a doorway and flanking flat-headed windows, all of which are ornamented with stone quoins
- The stone lintels that sit atop the entrance and windows, the former being pierced by a pointed segmental arch and the latter by segmental arches
- The stone sills in the windows
- The stone dripmoulds above the lintels of the doorway and flanking windows
- Two groups of four, flat-headed, multi-pane, windows

In the side (west) elevation:

- The pair of flat-headed windows with stone sills
- Two groups of four, flat-headed, multi-pane, windows with stone sills

In the side (east and west) elevations:

- Below the gables, the brick soldier course detailing with stone corners, creating decorative squares on the walls.

Contextual Value

Attributes that contribute to the value of the property at 165 Stanley Avenue as being important in defining, maintaining or supporting the historic character of the area that was the institutional core of the community northeast of Lake Shore Boulevard and Royal York Road:

- The setback, placement, and orientation of the building on the south side of Stanley Avenue and east of Royal York Road.

Note: The 1956-76 additions are not being recommended for designation.

SCHEDULE B

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN 07615-0002 (LT)
PART OF LOTS C & D, PLAN 513,
AS IN MI1935, EB325907, EB325967 & EB343343

City of Toronto and Province of Ontario
Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)