

Frederick Booz House

Description

The property at 672 Broadview Avenue 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 value. Located on the west side of Broadview Avenue, north of Montclair Avenue, the 2½-storey house form building was completed by May 1908 when it was first recorded in the tax assessment rolls and occupied by Frederick Booz, a clerk. The property was included on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 2006.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Frederick Booz House has design value as a well-designed example of an early 20th century house form building that blends Period Revival and Edwardian Classical elements. The styles were the most popular of the early 20th century for residential design, and drew elements from English medieval houses and Classical architecture. The Frederick Booz House complements the neighbouring house form buildings, which date from the same era and were inspired by similar architectural precedents.

The Frederick Booz House has associative value as it contributes to the understanding of the community. As an integral part of the group of residential buildings along the west side of Broadview Avenue, the area was once referred to as “East Rosedale” for the proliferation of substantial houses that were occupied by doctors, lawyers and other professionals. Near the centre of the group, #660 Broadview was the home of William Peyton Hubbard, a founder of Toronto Hydro and the City of Toronto’s first black alderman.

Contextually, the Frederick Booz House contributes to the residential character of Broadview Avenue, where a group of 11 neighbouring properties form a historic precinct on the west side of the street, north of Riverdale Park. All of the properties are listed on the City’s heritage inventory, and the James Harris House at #646 Broadview is also designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Frederick Booz House related to its design, associative and contextual value as a well-designed example of early 20th century architecture that contributes to the understanding of the community where it forms part of a historic precinct on Broadview Avenue are:

- The scale, form and massing
- The 2½-storey plan

- The red brick cladding with brick, stone and wood trim
- The gable roof, with the enclosed gable end on the east end and extended eaves, a cornice and brackets
- The organization of the principal (east) façade into two bays
- In the left (south) bay, the two-storey three-sided bay window with flat-headed window openings and wood cladding
- The main entrance, which is located in the right (north) bay under an open porch
- The detailing of the porch, where a gable roof with mock strapwork is supported on brick piers with multiple half-columns
- In the second storey and attic level, the segmental-arched window openings with brick flat arches and stone sills
- On the side elevations (north and west), the pattern and detailing of the fenestration

Not visible from Broadview Avenue, the rear (west) wall is not included in the Reasons for Designation.