

Authority: Item CC23.21, as adopted by City of Toronto  
Council on November 13 and 14, 2024

## CITY OF TORONTO

**Bill 1369**

**BY-LAW -2024**

**To designate the property at 26 Millwood Road 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 26 Millwood Road 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 26 Millwood Road 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 within the prescribed time under the Ontario Heritage Act; 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 26 Millwood Road, 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 26 Millwood Road 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 , 2024.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,  
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

## **SCHEDULE A**

### **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE REASONS FOR DESIGNATION 26 Millwood Road**

#### **Reasons for Designation**

##### **Description**

The property at 26 Millwood Road is located on the north side of Millwood Road, approximately 30 metres to the east of Yonge Street in the South Eglinton-Davisville neighbourhood. The property was constructed between 1880-1885 for prominent local businessman and politician Joseph Stanley Davis (1851-1927), whose family the village of Davisville is named after. Originally located on Yonge Street, the property was relocated to 26 Millwood Road between 1925 and 1926 by owner Dr. George Pringle.

##### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

##### **Design and Physical Value**

The property at 26 Millwood Road is a representative example of a late-19th century detached residence designed in the Victorian Vernacular Style. Clad in red brick, the property incorporates elements of Victorian architecture including cross gabled roofline, open ended gables with decorative gable pediments, 2-storey 3-sided bay at the principal elevation, and segmentally arched fenestration with brick voussoirs and stone sills.

##### **Historical Associative Value**

The property at 26 Millwood Road is valued for its direct association with the Davis family, after whom the village of Davisville was named. Originally forming part of Lot 1 of Registered Plan 306, a larger 8.5-acres parcel of land purchased by Davisville Pottery founder and Davisville's first postmaster John Davis in 1873, the property was constructed as a residence by his youngest son, prominent local businessman and politician Joseph Stanley Davis. Along with taking over management of Davisville Pottery following his father's passing in 1891, Joseph also served as postmaster, mayor of North Toronto for five years, a member of Council, and a justice of the peace. After inheriting his father's property, Joseph subdivided the original 8.5-acre parcel into residential lots, creating Joseph Avenue, which was renamed Millwood Road.

The property is also valued for its potential to yield information about the development and evolution of Davisville from a village to a Streetcar Suburb. Originally located on Yonge Street, by the 1920s the village character along Yonge Street was giving way to main street commercial development to serve the surrounding area's growing population. Surrounded by main street commercial buildings, the Joseph Stanley Davis house was relocated between 1925 and 1926 by owner Dr. George Pringle to its current location at 26 Millwood Road.

### **Contextual Value**

Built during the early development of Davisville Village on land originally purchased by John Davis and inherited by youngest son Joseph Stanley Davis, the property at 26 Millwood Road has contextual value for being historically linked to the early history of Davisville Village.

### **Heritage Attributes**

#### **Design or Physical Value**

Attributes that contribute to the value of the property at 26 Millwood Road as being a representative example of a late-19th century detached residence designed in the Victorian Vernacular Style:

- 2-storey scale and form with cross-gable roofline with slate shingles
- Red brick cladding with segmentally arched window openings featuring brick voussoirs and stone sills
- Raised front entrance with segmentally arched brick voussoir
- Open ended gables with decorative gable pediments at the principal, east, and west elevations
- 2-storey 3-sided bay at the principal elevation

#### **Historical Associative Value**

Attributes that contribute to the value of the property at 26 Millwood Road for its direct association with the Davis family and the land purchased by John Davis in 1873

- Location at 26 Millwood Road within Lot 1 Plan Registered Plan 306

### **Contextual Value**

Attributes that contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 26 Millwood Road for being historically linked to the early history of Davisville Village and the Davis family:  
The placement and orientation of the property on the north side of Millwood Road within the original Davisville Village in close proximity to Yonge Street

**SCHEDULE B**  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**21124-0248 (LT)**

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