CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 357-2006

To designate the property at 548 Gerrard Street East (St. Matthews Lawn Bowling Club) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 548 Gerrard Street East (St. Matthews Lawn Bowling Club) as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be 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 land and premises known as 548 Gerrard Street East and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality as required by the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule “A” to this by-law; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The property at 548 Gerrard 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 548 Gerrard Street East and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Toronto as required by the Ontario Heritage Act.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 25th day of May, A.D. 2006.

DAVID R. MILLER,
Mayor

ULLI S. WATKISS
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)
The property at 548 Gerrard Street East is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural resource value or interest. Purportedly founded in 1899, historical records indicate that St. Matthew’s Lawn Bowling Club was incorporated in 1905. A photograph in the possession of the club shows the site in operation in 1906 in Riverdale Park near the northeast corner of Gerrard Street East and St. Matthew’s Road. Developed on property owned by the City of Toronto, the design of the clubhouse is attributed to Robert McCallum, City Architect.

St. Matthew’s Lawn Bowling Club is architecturally, historically and contextually significant as an important example of vernacular architecture that contributed to the development of the Riverdale neighbourhood. The property at 548 Gerrard Street East was included on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1998.

The heritage attributes of St. Matthew’s Lawn Bowling Club are found on the exterior walls and roof of the clubhouse. The wood frame cottage is clad with horizontal wood siding. With a rectangular plan, the building rises 1½ stories above a raised basement with an entrance on the south end. The clubhouse is covered by a gable roof with ventilators in the gable ends (north and south), a centre gable on the east façade, and a tall brick chimney on the west side. A single-storey hipped roof verandah wraps around the south, east and north facades to extend past the west wall of the building. The verandah has paired wood posts with brackets supported on brick piers, a decorative wood balustrade, and latticework screens along the base and at the north and west ends. The verandah is enclosed at the north end beneath a shed roof. Two entrances with wood doors are found on the east façade, and the south entry has double wood doors. Flat-headed window openings with double sash windows are introduced on all walls.
SCHEDULE “B”

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

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2006-43 dated April 20, 2006, as set out in Schedule “C”.

