

Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council Item 7.13,  
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2007  
Enacted by Council: December 13, 2007

**CITY OF TORONTO**

**BY-LAW No. 1362-2007**

**To designate the property at 56 Blue Jays Way (George Crookshank House) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.**

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 56 Blue Jays Way (George Crookshank House) 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 56 Blue Jays Way and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused notice of this by-law to be posted on the City's web site for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, § 162-4, Notice requirements under 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 56 Blue Jays Way, 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 56 Blue Jays Way and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be posted on the City's web site for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, § 162-4, Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 13th day of December, A.D. 2007.

GLORIA LINDSAY LUBY,  
Deputy Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS  
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

## **SCHEDULE “A”**

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

#### Description

The property at 56 Blue Jays Way is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design, historical and contextual value. Documented in historical records, the three-storey house form building (circa 1834) is located on the west side of Blue Jays Way (formerly Peter Street), south of King Street West. The property was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1984, and a Heritage Easement Agreement was registered in 1996. The east façade, identified in the heritage attributes below, has been incorporated in a commercial development on the site.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Architecturally, the George Crookshank House is an important surviving example of an early 19th century house form building designed in the Georgian style in Toronto. The site is associated with George Crookshank (1763-1859), a member of the Legislative Council of Upper Canada who owned extensive property at the west end of the Town of York. The premises were occupied by a series of tenants until 1878, when a private girls' school opened in the building. From 1908 to 1922, it was the headquarters of Dr. Barnardo's Homes in Canada, a charitable organization that settled young British immigrants on Canadian farms. Located in New Town, the property is linked to the evolution of the neighbourhood from its beginnings as a residential enclave in the early 19th century.

#### Heritage Attributes

The surviving heritage attributes of the George Crookshank House related to its cultural heritage value as a surviving example of Georgian design in New Town are found on the principal (east) façade, consisting of:

- The three-storey east façade (where the original two-storey wall was extended by an attic storey) with red brick construction.
- The symmetrical organization of the façade with flat-headed window openings for six-over-six sash windows and stone lintels and sills.

**SCHEDULE “B”**

PIN 21413-0081 (LT)

LT 19 PL D263 TORONTO; PT LT 18 PL D263 TORONTO PT 2, 64R15263

City of Toronto and Province of Ontario

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

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2007-294 dated November 27, 2007, as set out in Schedule “C”.

## SCHEDULE "C"

