

Authority: North York Community Council Item 36.27,
adopted as amended, by City of Toronto Council on August 25, 26 and 27, 2010
Enacted by Council: December 16, 2010

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 35-2011

**To designate the property at 3180 Bathurst Street (Asbury and West United Church)
as being of cultural heritage value or interest.**

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 3180 Bathurst Street (Asbury and West United Church) 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 buildings and structures located 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 3180 Bathurst Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention 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 3180 Bathurst Street, 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 3180 Bathurst Street 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 16th day of December, A.D. 2010.

FRANCES NUNZIATA,
Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

SCHEDULE "A"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Reasons for Designation (Statement of Significance): 3180 Bathurst Street

Asbury and West United Church

Description

The property at 3180 Bathurst Street 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 southwest corner of Bathurst Street and Saranac Boulevard, Asbury and West United Church consists of a church complex with portions of the original church (1899), a narthex and administrative wing (1951), and a sanctuary (1958). Only the sanctuary, which displays heritage attributes on the exterior and interior, is included in the Reasons for Designation.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Asbury and West United Church is valued as an institution of historical importance to the North York community. Founded in the early 19th century as Asbury Wesleyan Methodist Church, the congregation moved to its present location on Bathurst Street, north of Lawrence Avenue West, in 1899 where it was known as Asbury Methodist Church and (after 1925) Asbury United Church. Following World War II as the church witnessed the transformation of its surroundings from a farming hamlet to a residential subdivision and a city neighbourhood, its amalgamation with West United Church resulted in the 1950s additions to the property. Known as "The Friendly Church", Asbury and West United Church opened the first "Drive-In Church" in Canada in 1954, and continues to serve the spiritual and social needs of its community.

The property at 3180 Bathurst Street is associated with Toronto architect Douglas E. Kertland, whose firm prepared the plans for the 1950s additions to the church. While noted for his award-winning design for the Automotive Building (1929) on the Canadian National Exhibition grounds, as well as innumerable residential commissions in the city's upscale neighbourhoods, Kertland designed comparatively few church buildings during his long career, making Asbury and West United Church an important part of his portfolio.

The design for Asbury and West United Church is a rare combination of traditional and modern architecture, where the exterior displays the medieval elements and monolithic stonework associated with the Modern Gothic style, and the interior incorporates the contemporary materials and handling of spatial volumes identified with post-war Modernism.

Contextually, as an institutional building placed in a park-like setting on an expansive corner lot, Asbury and West United Church is a local landmark on Bathurst Street, north of Lawrence Avenue West.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 3180 Bathurst Street are:

- The church building dating to 1958.
- The scale, form and massing of the long rectangular plan.
- The steeply-pitched gable roof with stepped parapets on the east and west ends.
- The textured limestone cladding on the principal (east) façade, with buff brick applied to the exposed north wall where the openings have stone detailing.
- On the east façade, the grouping of the two-storey window openings with stone surrounds and steel-sash windows, where stone spandrels separate the flat-headed windows in the lower storey from the round-arched windows with mullions above.
- The cross motif in the apex of the east gable.
- The north elevation facing Saranac Boulevard, where brick buttresses with stone coping separate the openings, which consist of flat-headed windows near the east end of the wall, with pairs of pointed-arch windows to the west, many of which contain stained glass.
- On the interior of the 1958 sanctuary, the steeply-pitched roof with laminated fir glulam trusses that emphasize the height of the space where there are no interior support columns, as well as the pierced fretwork design in the masonry of the chancel (west).
- The setback and placement of the 1958 church on the southwest corner of Bathurst Street and Saranac Boulevard.

The surviving portions of the 1899 church and the 1951 additions with the narthex and administrative wing are not identified as heritage attributes.

SCHEDULE "B"

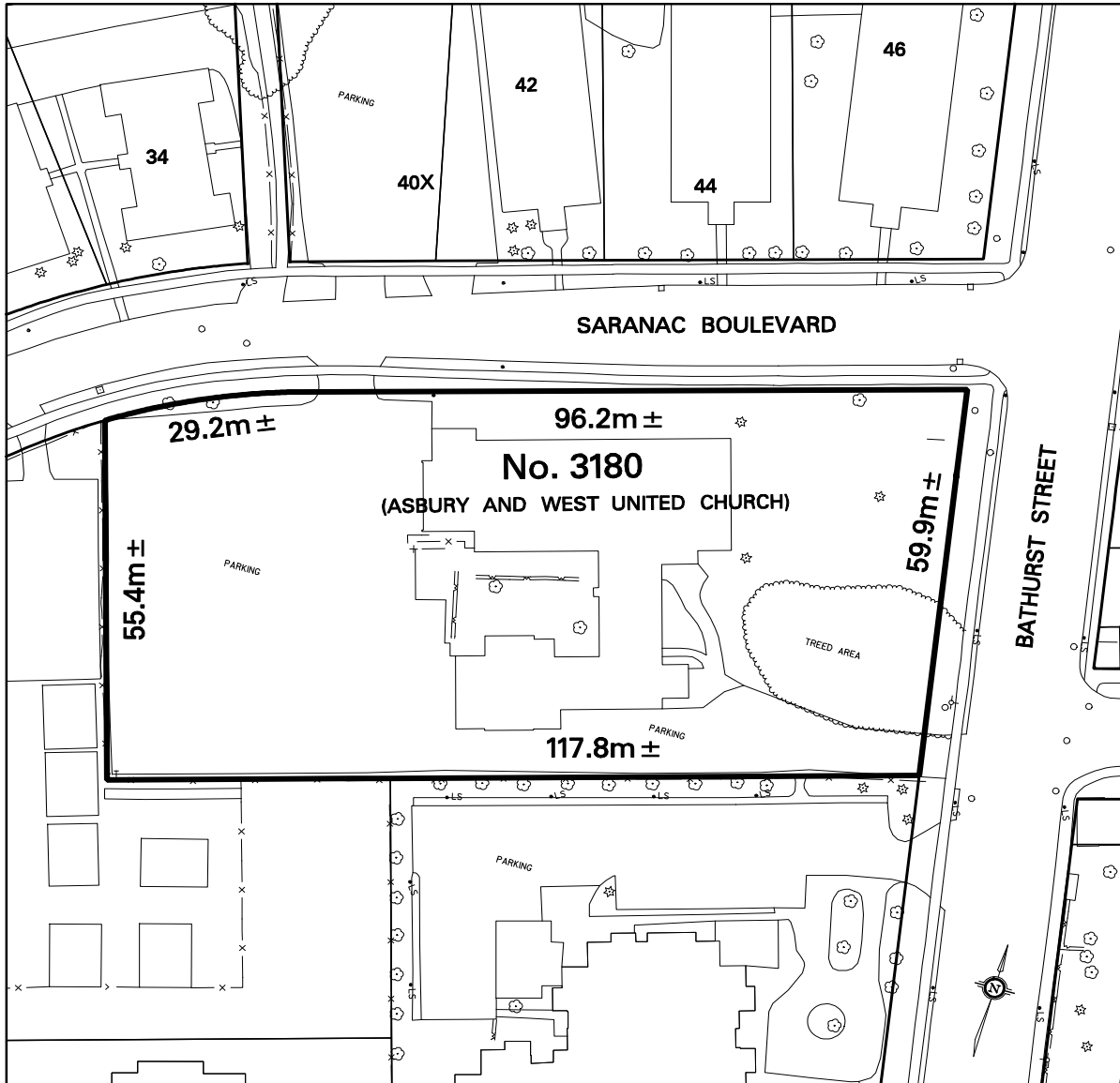
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City of Toronto (former City of North York) Province of Ontario Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2010-075 dated October 21, 2010, as set out in Schedule "C".

SCHEDULE "C"



Toronto
TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION
SURVEY & MAPPING SERVICES

NOTE:
THIS SKETCH IS NOT
A PLAN OF SURVEY
AND HAS BEEN COMPILED
FROM SURVEY NOTES AND
OFFICE RECORDS. IT SHALL
NOT BE USED EXCEPT FOR
THE PURPOSE INDICATED
IN THE TITLE BLOCK

CHECKED BY: JOHN HOUSE
PREPARED BY: DWAYNE PITT

WARD 15 – EGLINTON–LAWRENCE
DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2010

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
NO. 3180 BATHURST STREET
(ASBURY AND WEST UNITED CHURCH)
LAND DESIGNATED AS BEING OF
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST
(NOT TO SCALE)

SKETCH No. PS-2010-075