

Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council Item 36.31,  
adopted as amended, by City of Toronto Council on August 25, 26 and 27, 2010  
Enacted by Council: February 24, 2011

**CITY OF TORONTO**

**BY-LAW No. 319-2011**

**To designate the property at 21 Howard Street (William McBean Stores) as being of  
cultural heritage value or interest.**

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 21 Howard Street (William McBean Stores) 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 21 Howard 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 21 Howard 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 21 Howard 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 24th day of February, A.D. 2011.

FRANCES NUNZIATA,  
Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS  
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

## **SCHEDULE "A"**

### Reasons for Designation (Statement of Significance): 21 and 23 Howard Street

#### **William McBean Stores**

##### Description

The properties at 21 and 23 Howard Street are worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for their cultural heritage value, and meet the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the categories of design and contextual value. Located on the southeast corner of Howard Street and Bleecker Street, the William McBean Stores (1876) at #21 and 23 Howard Street occupy a 2½-storey commercial building. The properties were listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1974.

##### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Contextually, the properties at 21 and 23 Howard Street are integral parts of the collection of surviving heritage buildings dating to the late 19th and early 20th centuries that characterizes the Howard Street neighbourhood as it originated and evolved as a desirable upscale residential enclave southeast of Sherbourne Street and Bloor Street East. With the neighbouring William McBean Houses at 25-35 Howard Street, the William McBean Stores are historically and visually linked to their surroundings as the oldest surviving buildings of their type in the neighbourhood and the only heritage properties remaining on the south side of Howard Street between Sherbourne Street and Parliament Street.

The William McBean Stores have design value as rare examples of late 19th century commercial buildings with Second Empire styling in the Howard Street neighbourhood. As one of the most popular architectural styles of the era, the William McBean Stores display the distinctive mansard roofs that distinguish Second Empire buildings, along with the colourful and appealing pattern brick detailing. The commercial buildings at 21 and 23 Howard Street are part of a group of connected buildings on the south side of Howard Street, extending east of Bleecker Street, where three pairs of semi-detached houses at #35-35 Howard Street are placed east of the William McBean Stores.

##### Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the properties at 21 and 23 Howard Street are:

- The commercial buildings that are attached to the west end of the trio of semi-detached house form buildings at 25-27, 29-31 and 33-35 Howard Street (where the west wall of the semi-attached house form building at #25 Howard Street abuts the east wall of #23 Howard Street).
- The scale, form and massing of the 2½-storey rectangular plan with a bevelled northwest corner.

- The red brick cladding, with brick, stone and wood trim, including contrasting buff brick applied for the quoins and the door and window detailing.
- The mansard roof with decorative slate shingles, round-headed dormers with wood detailing, and the extended cornice with brackets.
- Above the first-floor storefront and cornice on the north elevation and corner, and along the west wall on Bleecker Street, the round-arched openings with hood moulds, keystones, corbels, and bracketed sills.
- The placement of the building on the southeast corner of Howard Street and Bleecker Street, where the north and west walls are angled in relation to the adjoining streets.

**SCHEDULE "B"**

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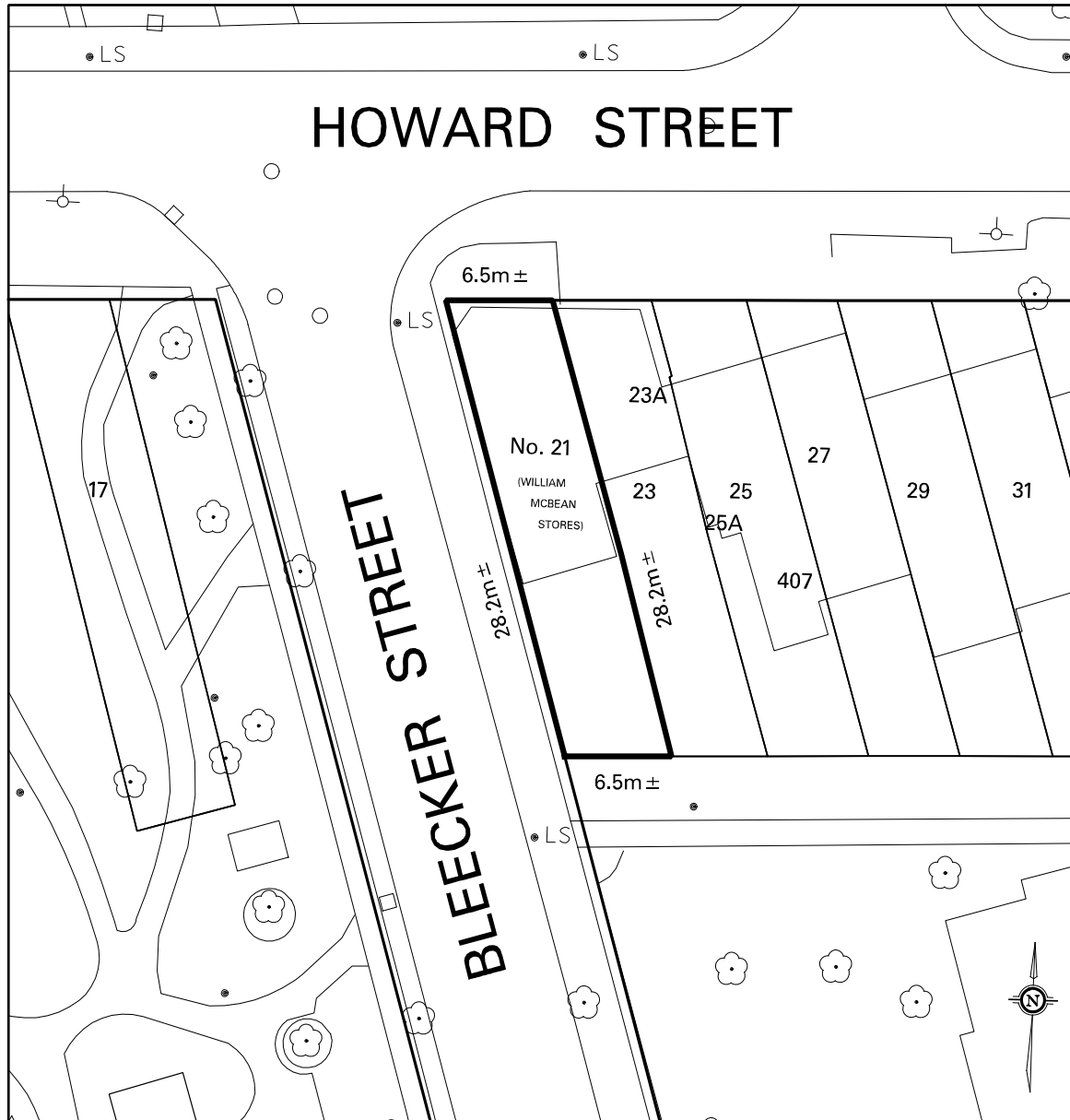
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City of Toronto Province of Ontario

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

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2010-102 dated November 29, 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

## PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

NO. 21 HOWARD STREET (WILLIAM MCBEAN STORES)  
LAND DESIGNATED AS BEING OF CULTURAL  
HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST

(NOT TO SCALE)

WARD 28 - TORONTO CENTRE-ROSEDALE  
DATE: NOVEMBER 29 2010

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