

Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council Item 12.16,
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on February 6 and 7, 2012

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 594-2013

**To designate the property at 6 Walmer Road (Thomas Goldsmith House) 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 6 Walmer Road (Thomas Goldsmith House) as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas the Council of the City of Toronto caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as 6 Walmer Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to designate the property and 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, § 162-4.1. Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

Whereas a notice of objection dated March 29, 2012 was served upon the Clerk of the municipality; and

Whereas the objector has withdrawn its objection; and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 6 Walmer Road, 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 6 Walmer Road 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, § 162-4.1. Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Enacted and passed on May 10, 2013.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

Ulli S. Watkiss,
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

SCHEDULE "A"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description

The property at 6 Walmer Road 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 under the three categories of design, associative and contextual values. Placed on the west side of Walmer Road between Bloor Street West and Lowther Avenue, the Thomas Goldsmith House (1896) is a 2½-storey house form building. The site was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1976.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Thomas Goldsmith House has design value as a well-crafted example of a late 19th century house form building executed in the popular Queen Anne Revival style. While the structure displays the typical features of the style in its irregularly-shaped plan, mixture of materials, variety in the shape and placement of the fenestration, and classical detailing, the Thomas Goldsmith House is an important surviving example of residential architecture on Walmer Road in the West Annex that retains its architectural integrity.

The property at 6 Walmer Road is also associated with the career of Toronto architect F. H. Herbert, one of the city's best-known practitioners specializing in residential architecture at the close of the 19th century. Herbert designed houses for clients in the city's prominent residential neighbourhoods, including the West Annex where Arthur Boswell Houses at 69-71 Spadina Road are among those designated under Part IV, Section 29, of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. With the changes in the West Annex, the Thomas Goldsmith House remains an important surviving example of Herbert's portfolio in the West Annex.

Contextually, the Thomas Goldsmith House is historically linked to its surroundings on Walmer Road in the West Annex neighbourhood. The dwelling dates to the period when the area was a sought-after residential enclave where the Walmer Road Baptist Church (completed 1892) at 38 Walmer Road is another extant recognized heritage building.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 6 Walmer Road are:

- The scale, form and massing of the 2½-storey house form building
- The irregularly-shaped plan
- The materials, with brick cladding, and brick, stone and wood trim
- The cross-gable roof with extended eaves with brackets and modillion blocks and the classical detailing and shingled infill on the gables
- On the principal (east) façade on Walmer Road, the two-storey open verandah with classical detailing that protects the main entrance
- The fenestration, which mixes single round, flat-headed, segmental-arched and round-arched openings, as well as bay windows and an oriel window (north)

- The window detailing, with brick voussoirs and stone labels and sills, and the lozenge-shaped mullions in some of the openings

The rear (west) elevation and the interior features of the structure are not included in the Reasons for Designation.

SCHEDULE "B"**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PIN 21230-0004 (LT)

PCL 14-1 SEC A376 FREEHOLD;
PT LT 14 PL 376 TORONTO; PT LT 24 CON 2 FTB TWP OF YORK PT 2 66R5323

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 2013-041 dated April 26, 2013 as set out in Schedule "C".

NO. 6 WALMER ROAD (THOMAS GOLDSMITH HOUSE).
LAND DESIGNATED AS BEING OF CULTURAL
HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST

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