

Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council Item 30.18,
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on March 20, 2014

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 81-2015

**To designate the property at 693 Bathurst Street (Central Technical School Campus) 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 693 Bathurst Street (Central Technical School Campus) 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 693 Bathurst Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, 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 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 enacts:

1. The property at 693 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 693 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, § 162-4.1. Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Enacted and passed on December 11, 2014.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

Ulli S. Watkiss,
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

SCHEDULE "A"
REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
(STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE)

Description

The property at 693 Bathurst Street (also known as 725 Bathurst Street) is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and meets the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under all three categories of design, associative and contextual value.

Located on a large property bounded by Bathurst Street (west), Harbord Street (south), Borden Street (east), and Lennox Street (north), the Central Technical School campus contains the original school building (1915) with its south wing (1951), the Art Centre (1962) and Bathurst Building (1967) at the north end of the site, and open space along Bathurst Street, north of Harbord Street. The site was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 2005.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Central Technical School (1915) has cultural heritage value as an excellent and well-crafted example of Collegiate Gothic design applied to a secondary school in Toronto. Built almost exclusively with Canadian materials, it is unique as the only school in Toronto bearing the coat-of arms of the City. Distinguished by the application of medieval detailing and the landmark tower, Central Technical School (1915) is extended by the south wing (1951) that complements it in scale, materials and detailing, but is differentiated by its blending of contemporary Modern Classicism with Collegiate Gothic influences. Directly north of the 1915 school and housed in a separate building, the Art Centre (1962) is an important example in Toronto of Brutalist design that features the trademark textured concrete, but is set apart by its tiered design with geometrical planes and sculptural detailing, as well as by innovative fenestration on the north façade (designed to light the interior studios) that contrasts with the solidity of the silo-like stair towers on the south wall.

First built in 1915 as one of the largest educational facilities in the British Empire, Central Technical School has been valued since its inception as an institution of significance in the neighbourhood and in the city, where it was designed as the first purpose-built technical school and used as a model for those that followed. The art department, which was the first of its kind in a Toronto public school and which was relocated into the purpose-built design-winning Art Centre on the campus, has for nearly a century, been associated with Canada's foremost artists, who either received training at the institution or served as its instructors, including inaugural directors Alfred Howell, Peter Haworth and Charles Goldhamer.

Central Technical School demonstrates cultural heritage value for its associations with architects of national importance. The original school building (1915) was planned by the Montreal architectural practice of Ross and MacFarlane, which won the competition to design it, and completed by the successor firm, Ross and Macdonald. This project coincided with Ross and Macdonald's role in the design of Toronto's Union Station, and was followed by commissions for

the Royal York Hotel, Eaton's College Street Store (now the Carlu) and Maple Leaf Gardens that, with Central Technical School, are local landmarks in the City.

The Art Centre at Central Technical School was designed by the notable architect Macy DuBois while a partner in the firm of DuBois + Fairfield, who practiced in Toronto for nearly half a century. While known nationally for the Ontario Pavilion at Expo '67, among DuBois's most recognized commissions in Toronto were education buildings at the University of Toronto (New College) and George Brown College (Casa Loma Campus), and the Central Technical Art Centre for the Toronto Board of Education (now the Toronto District School Board) for which he received a Massey Medal for Architecture (1964).

Contextually, on the Central Technical School campus, the original school building with its central tower (1915), the attached South Wing (1951) and the adjoining Art Centre (1962) have cultural heritage value for their functional, physical, visual and historical links to one another and their surroundings, where they are placed in open space that provides both a setting for the structures as well as view corridors between Bathurst Street and the centre block of the original school building (1915) with its iconic tower. As the focal point on the Central Technical School property, the tower block establishes the character of the campus where it is viewed across the open space along Bathurst Street, which is currently occupied by a sports field, and is valued as a prominent local landmark in the Harbord Village neighbourhood.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 693 Bathurst Street (Central Technical School campus) are the original school building (1915) and its South Wing (1951), the Art Centre (1962) and the open space along Bathurst Street as described below:

Central Technical School and Tower (1915)

- The placement, orientation and setback of the building on the west side of Borden Street between Harbord and Lennox Streets where the principal (west) facade faces west toward Bathurst Street and fronts onto open space, which currently contains a playing field
- The scale, form and massing on the three-storey rectangular-shaped plan with a rubblestone base incorporating door and window openings and a moulded water table
- The materials, with steel and stone construction, and stone, terra cotta, wood and glass
- Detailing
- On the principal (west) facade, the centre block with the square tower, which has multisided buttresses, balustrades, decorative stonework, narrow lancet windows and, in the upper stories, the monumental two-storey window opening with the decorated spandrel and the surround with quoins, and the flat-headed window openings with quoins
- The main entrance, which is placed at the base of the landmark tower block in a stone archway supported on buttresses with sculptures symbolizing Industry and Science and contains three sets of paneled oak doors with pointed-arched transoms
- Above the west entry, the coat-of-arms of the City of Toronto
- On either side of the tower block, the organization of the west facade with stepped frontispieces on the corners, the fenestration with single, double, tripartite and four-part windows with stone trim, and the similar fenestration and detailing found on the north and the rear (west) elevations

- On the rear (east) wall on Borden Street, the projection of the centre section of the wall and the chimney in the form of a buttress
- The subsidiary entrances
- On the interior, the entrance hall and auditorium

South Wing (1951)

- The two-storey South Wing, which is attached to the south end of the original school building (1915), with the brick cladding, stone trim and strip windows
- On the principal (south) facade of the South Wing facing Harbord Street, the three-part entrance with stone facing, name band and crest (which are repeated on the east entry), the slit window openings, and the two-storey oriel window with decorative stonework, brackets and quoins

Art Centre (1962)

- The Art Centre, which is located in a separate building and placed on the northeast corner of the Central Technical School campus
- The concrete finishes on the Art Centre, which include panels on the east and west ends with geometrical patterns, the two-storey plan above the basement (which is sunken and exposed on three sides), the main entrance (north) on Lennox Street, and the two stair towers on the rear (south) elevation
- The organization of the principal (north) facade, which is stepped and combines vertical windows and sloped skylights in the first floor and continuous strip windows in the second floor, which is set back

Views

- The views across the Central Technical School campus to the landmark west tower block of the original school building (1915) through the open space that separates the structure from Bathurst Street, specifically the direct view along the line of Herrick Street
- The view from the southwest corner of Bathurst and Harbord Streets looking northeast across the open space on the Central Technical School campus to the landmark west tower block on the original school building (1915)

SCHEDULE "B"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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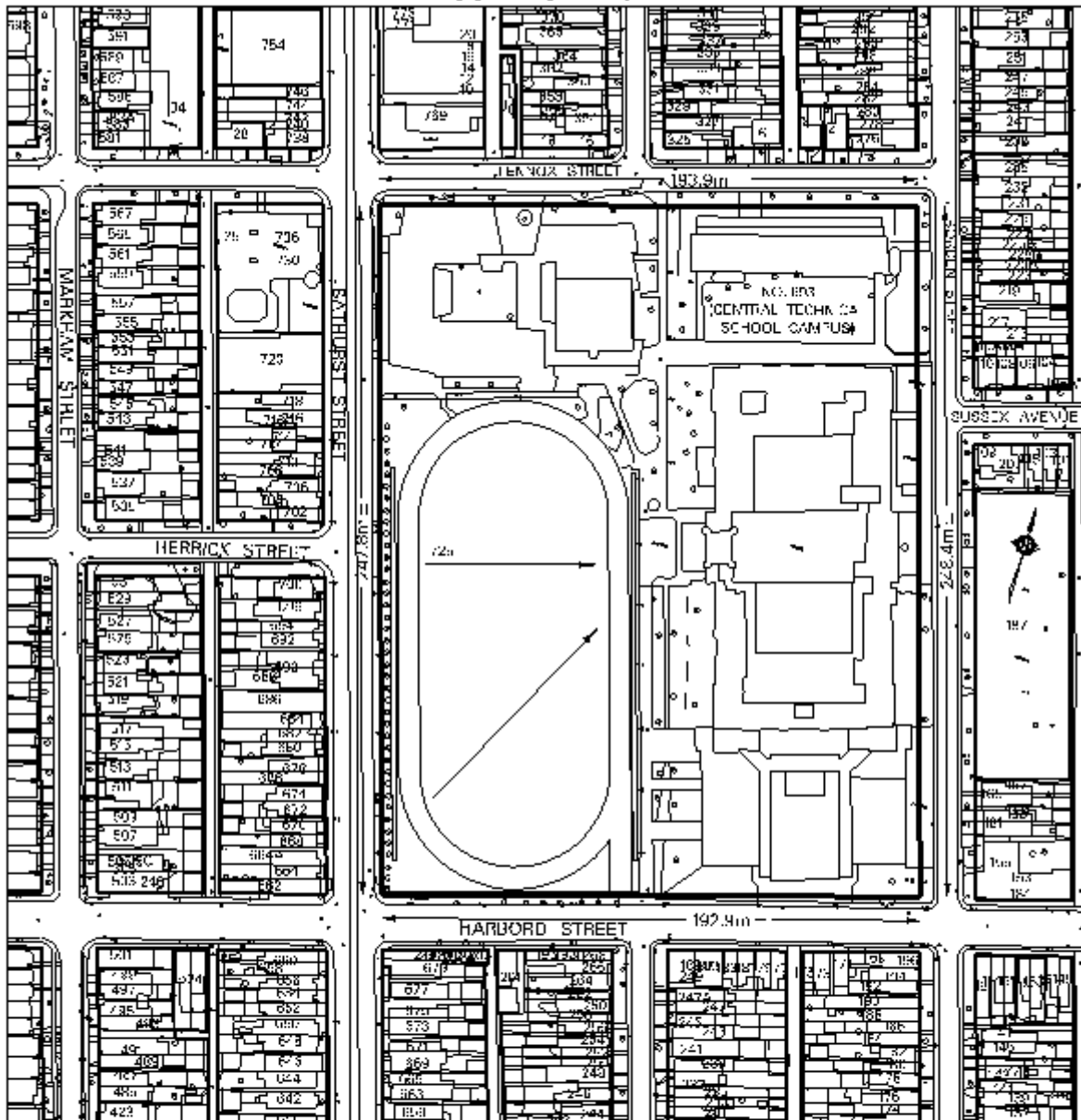
PIN 21232-0226 (LT)

LT 3-7, 36-43 PL 93 TORONTO; LT 1-17 PL 331 CITY WEST; LANE PL 331 CITY WEST CLOSED BY WA80966; LT 1-4 PL 757 TORONTO; LANE PL 757 TORONTO AS CLOSED BY WA79015; LT 5-6, 9-17 PL 120 TORONTO; LT 30-32, 35-36, 38-43, 45-49 PL 112 TORONTO; LANE PL 1186 TORONTO AS CLOSED BY CT224807; LT 1-8 PL 551 CITYWEST; LANE PL 551 CITY WEST AS CLOSED BY CT224807; LT 1-8 PL 1129 CITY WEST; LT 1-5 PL 988 CITY WEST; LT 1-6 PL 675 CITY WEST; LT 1-8 PL 768 TORONTO; PT LT 28-29, 33, 44 PL 112 TORONTO AS IN OH13075, OF71673, OJ61093, OK16744 AND OF24353 EXCEPT PL 1186; PT LT 1-2 PL 93 TORONTO AS IN WA78133, AS IN WA78134; PT LT 8 PL 120 TORONTO AS IN WA94194 AND WA84766; PT LIPPINCOTT ST, HERRICK ST PL 93 TORONTO AS CLOSED BY WA89686 AS IN WB187751; PT LANE PL 93 TORONTO BEING THE LANE S OF HERRICK ST AND N OF HARBORD ST AS CLOSED BY WA92377 & WA89686 AS IN WA92491 & WB187751; PT LANE PL 93 TORONTO BEING THE LANE N OF HERRICK ST AND S OF LENNOX ST AS CLOSED BY WA89686 AS IN WB187751; PT HERRICK ST PL 112 TORONTO AS CLOSED BY OF86247 AS IN OJ79616; PT LANE PL 112 TORONTO BEING THE LANE S OF HERRICK ST AND N OF HARBORD ST AND THE LANE N OF HERRICK ST AND S OF LENNOX ST AS CLOSED BY CT224807 AS IN CT231069;

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-2014-126 dated December 5, 2014, as set out in Schedule "C".

SCHEDULE "C"



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 393 BAY ST. TORONTO, ONT. M5G 1S2
 416-392-3100
 T-15 SKETCH - IS NOT
 A FINAL PLAN &
 HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED
 FOR OFFICIAL RECORDS. IT SHALL
 BE USED FOR INFORMATIONAL
 PURPOSES ONLY.
 CHECKED BY: JOHN FOLIO
 PREPARED BY: DWAYNE RITT

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

NO. 693 BATHURST STREET
 (CENTRAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL CAMPUS)
 LAND DESIGNATED AS BEING OF
 CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST

(NOT TO SCALE)

SKETCH No. PS 1014 126