

Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council Item TE3.6, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on February 10 and 11, 2015

**CITY OF TORONTO**

**BY-LAW No. 691-2016**

**To designate the property at 14 Dewhurst Boulevard (Temple Baptist Church) 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 14 Dewhurst Boulevard (Temple Baptist Church) as being 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 municipally as 14 Dewhurst Boulevard 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, § 162-4.1. 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 14 Dewhurst Boulevard, 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 14 Dewhurst Boulevard 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 July 15, 2016.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

Ulli S. Watkiss,  
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

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

Description

The property at 14 Dewhurst Boulevard 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 values. Temple Baptist Church (1913, 1925) is located on the west side of Dewhurst Boulevard just north of Danforth Avenue.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Temple Baptist Church is valued for its 120 year historic association with the Baptist Congregation which was first located in the Danforth neighbourhood on Jones Avenue south of Danforth Avenue circa 1893 and was originally known as the Jones Avenue Baptist Mission. The congregation relocated to its current site north of Danforth Avenue in 1913 constructing a new building which they called a "Sunday School" despite its multipurpose functions. With the renaming of the northern Jones Avenue as Dewhurst Boulevard, the congregation changed their name to Temple Baptist Church. The complex was expanded with the 1925 addition designed by George Thomas Evans, a Hamilton-based architect who specialized in churches and schools and was known for his publication on the various aspects of planning a Baptist church. The Baptist congregation had a continuous 120 year presence in the community until it relocated in October 2012, and sold the Dewhurst Boulevard property in 2013.

The 1925 portion of the Temple Baptist Church is a fine example of a revival of the Georgian Classical Style adapted for Post-Reformation churches in 18<sup>th</sup> century England. It is a rare example of the style in Toronto churches and especially within the Danforth neighbourhood. The elements of the style are seen in its simple rectangular form clad in red brick with two narrow side bays and a projecting wider central bay with light grey Credit Valley Stone details. The central bay features a pediment with a light-coloured metal cornice and entablature, to match the stonework, supported on four brick pilasters with stone capitals flanking three round-headed leaded glass windows, resting on a raised rusticated basement. Further stone details include the sills, pilasters, arch and curving keystone of the central window, the stone keystones, impost blocks and sills on the adjacent windows and the stone door and window surrounds on the side bays. The interior has the typical Post-Reformation simple and open rectangular hall, well-lit with maximum daylight and a wide structural span. It integrated the amphitheatre form typical of Toronto Baptist churches since the late 1860s. While the 1913 Sunday school, designed by Burke, Horwood & White, is an example of the use of Perpendicular Gothic Revival in educational institutions in Toronto c. 1910-1920, unsympathetic alterations have diminished its heritage value.

Built in 1925, the addition to the Temple Baptist Church is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of the Danforth neighbourhood as it is part of the development that was spurred on by the completion of the 1917-1919 Bloor Danforth Viaduct. It is physically, functionally, visually and historically related to its surroundings in the Danforth Avenue neighbourhood. Located on the west side of Dewhurst Boulevard between Danforth Avenue and

Strathmore Street it is a significant 1920s landmark in the neighbourhood and is distinct from the surrounding residential and commercial properties.

#### Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes on the exterior of Temple Baptist Church are:

- The location of the 1925 portion of the building on its property, including its set back from Dewhurst Boulevard
- The scale, form and massing of the building including, its two-and-a-half storey height including a raised basement
- The east façade and its side returns with entablature and parapet as well as the windows on the north and south returns
- The materials, including the red brick with dark red mortar, grey Credit Valley stone and the metal entablature and cornice
- Stone details including the door and window frames, belt course, the sills, pilasters, arch with keystone, plain impost and keystone blocks and capitals
- Brick cladding including the recessed bands of the rusticated raised basement
- The door and window openings including the three double-height arched windows, two tripartite side windows, windows on the north and south returns, the basement window on the east façade and two entry doors
- Leaded windows with clear, green and mottled coloured glass
- Stone corner block with the date 1925
- Pairs of entry steps with side brick parapet walls and stone coping.

The 1913 Sunday School is not included.

**SCHEDULE "B"**  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

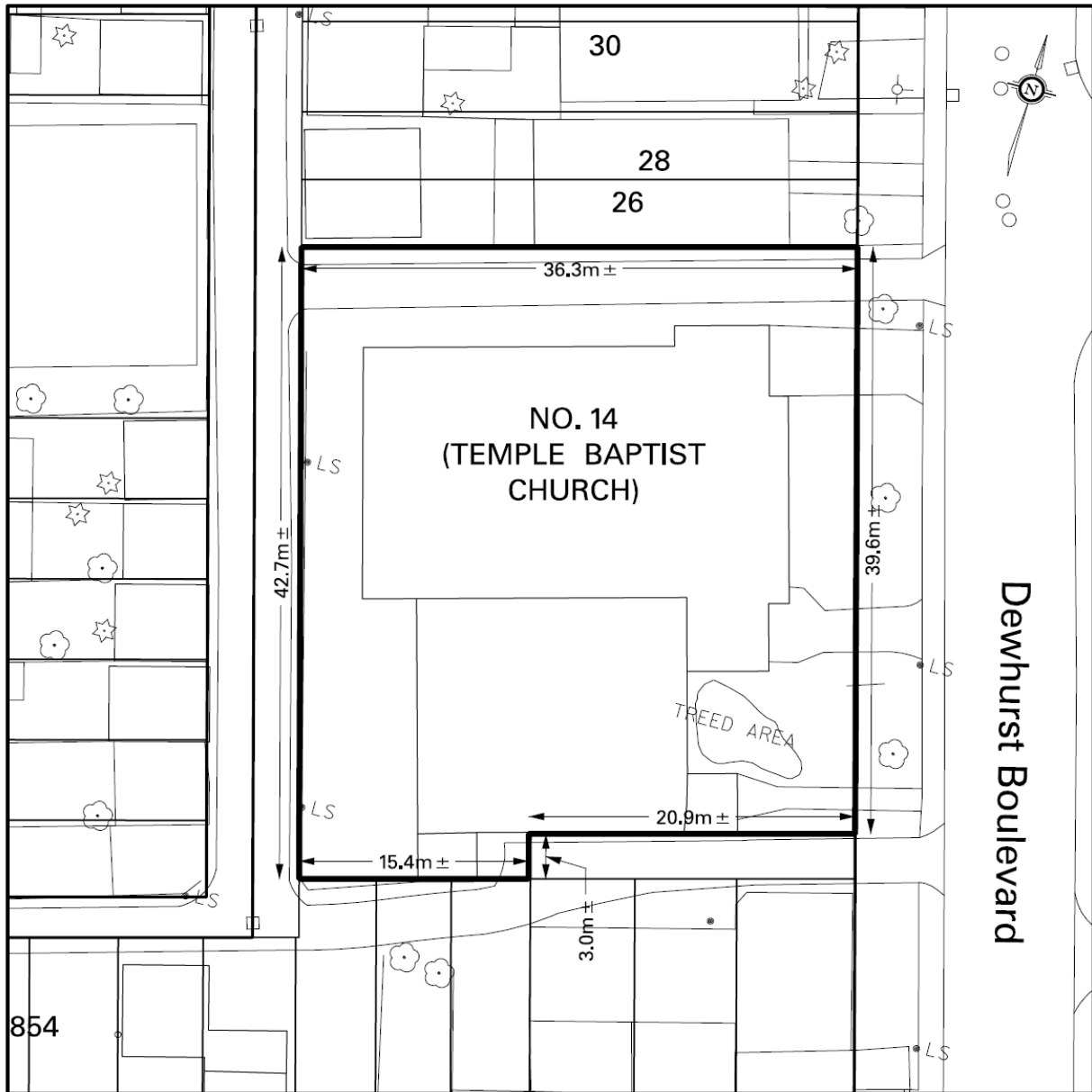
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City of Toronto, Province of Ontario  
Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2016-088  
dated June 14, 2016, as set out in Schedule "C".

SCHEDULE "C"



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. 14 DEWHURST BOULEVARD  
(TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH)  
LAND DESIGNATED AS BEING OF  
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST  
(NOT TO SCALE)

WARD 29 – TORONTO-DANFORTH  
DATE: JUNE 14, 2016

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