

Authority: City Council Item CC35.21, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on December 16 and 17, 2025
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on December 17, 2025
Written approval of this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision 16-2025 dated December 17, 2025

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW 1497-2025

To designate the property at 336 Jarvis Street 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 336 Jarvis Street 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 lands and premises known as 336 Jarvis Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property, and has caused the Notice of Intention to be posted on the City's website 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 notice of objection was served upon the Clerk of the municipality within the prescribed time under the Ontario Heritage Act and was considered by City Council; 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 336 Jarvis Street , more particularly described in Schedule B 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 336 Jarvis Street at and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this By-law to be posted on the City's website 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 17, 2025.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

SCHEDULE A
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
336 Jarvis Street

Reasons for Designation

The property at 336 Jarvis Street is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural value and meets Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation.

Description

The property at 336 Jarvis Street is located on the west side of Jarvis Street, north of Carlton Street, within the Upper Jarvis neighbourhood. Constructed in 1863, the property contains a single-family dwelling that comprises the south end of a collection of five abutting Victorian era house-form buildings. 336 Jarvis Street contains a two-and-a-half storey structure with a raised parlour floor and was designed in the Georgian architectural style with subsequent alterations in the Second Empire architectural style. The subject property was constructed for single-family occupancy, however, was subsequently modified for a rooming house and later apartments.

The property was included on the Heritage Register in June 1973.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Design and Physical Value

The property at 336 Jarvis Street has design and physical value as a representative example of the Second Empire architectural style and was originally constructed in the Georgian architectural style as one unit of an eight part rowhouse, which included 326 Jarvis Street to 334 Jarvis Street (demolished), and 338 and 340 Jarvis Street to the north. The Second Empire architectural style was popular in Toronto through the 1860s and into the 1870s, and was applied to institutional and government buildings, detached villas, and rowhouses for those of moderate income, whereas the Georgian architectural style was more common for rowhouses constructed through the 1850s and 1860s. Features representative of the Second Empire architectural style include the mansard roof, and the use of classically derived ornamentation. Elements of the structure's original Georgian architectural style include the flat-headed window openings, and the splayed stone lintels.

Historical and Associative Value

The property at 336 Jarvis Street has historical and associative value due to its direct association with the artist and educator Frederic Bell-Smith, who resided at the subject property from 1890 until his death in 1923. Frederic Bell-Smith's career and reputation in Toronto was established by the time he and his family moved into the house,

however it would be during his tenure at the subject property that he developed an international reputation owing to his production of a series of paintings depicting the events surrounding the death of Prime Minister Sir John Sparrow David Thompson at Windsor Castle. Bell-Smith's rare invitation to paint Queen Victoria as part of the series was a significant event and contributed to his prestige and reputation. Bell-Smith subsequently co-founded the Arts and Letters Club of Toronto (1908) and served as the president of the Ontario Society of Artists from 1905 to 1908. The lower level of 336 Jarvis Street served as his personal studio, where he hosted artists and students, and served as a gathering space for friends and admirers following his death in 1923. His personal artwork remained on display at the subject property following his death as it remained in the Bell-Smith family's ownership.

Contextual Value

Contextually, the property at 336 Jarvis Street is functionally and historically linked to the adjacent properties at 338, 340, 342 and 344 Jarvis Street, which collectively form a collection of 19th century housing on the west side of Jarvis Street north of Carlton Street. A generally consistent setback and raised parlour floors, along with a common scale, form and massing, contribute to the block frontage's historic context. Visually, the subject property at 336 Jarvis Street is linked to 19th century housing within the block frontage of Jarvis Street between Carlton Street and Maitland Street and is situated in an area with a concentration of properties built during the mid- to late Victorian period and that have been designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The property at 336 Jarvis Street is important in maintaining and supporting the character of the Upper Jarvis neighbourhood, comprised of a collection of 19th century house form buildings, the former Havergal College at 354 Jarvis Street, mid-to-late 20th and early 21st century multi-unit housing. Collectively, these properties reflect the evolution of Upper Jarvis from a subdivision of private homes located on a landscaped avenue to a high-density residential and institutional arterial corridor within downtown Toronto. The subject property marks the southernmost component of this collection north of Carlton Street and contains one of the earliest extant structures within the Upper Jarvis neighbourhood.

Heritage Attributes

Design and Physical Value

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 336 Jarvis Street being a representative example of a house-form building designed in the Georgian architectural style with later renovations in the Second Empire style:

- The scale, form and massing of the subject property, containing a two-and-a-half storey house form building with a raised parlour floor set-back from the sidewalk
- The mansard roof, with protruding flat roofed pedimented dormer window above the entrance bay

- The yellow brick primary (east) facade with stone details
- The flat-headed window openings with splayed stone lintels
- The raised parlour floor and the partially above grade lower level, which historically provided access to the working spaces of the house

Contextual Value

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 336 Jarvis Street being visually, functionally and historically linked to its surroundings and for maintaining and supporting the character of the Upper Jarvis neighbourhood:

- The placement, setback and orientation of the structure on the west side of Jarvis Street north of Carlton Street
- The two-and-a-half storey scale of the primary (east) façade

Note: the existing stairs leading to the primary entrance are not identified as heritage attributes.

SCHEDULE B
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN 21105-0073 (LT)
PART OF PARKLOT 6, CONCESSION 1 FTB
GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF YORK
AS IN CT608563, EXCEPT PART OF EASEMENT THEREIN
City of Toronto and Province of Ontario
Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)