

Authority: Planning and Housing Committee Item
PH24.12, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on
October 8 and 9, 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 1503-2025

To designate the property at 512 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 512 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 512 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 no notice of objection was served upon the Clerk of the municipality within the prescribed time under the Ontario Heritage Act; 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 512 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 512 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
512 Jarvis Street

Reasons for Designation

The property at 512 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 subject property at 512 Jarvis Street is located on the west side of Jarvis Street, north of Cawthra Square, within the Upper Jarvis neighbourhood and in the east side of downtown Toronto. Constructed circa 1890, the property contains a detached two-and-a-half storey house form building designed in the Annex architectural style.

The properties were included on the Heritage Register in June 1973.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Design and Physical Value

The property at 512 Jarvis Street has design and physical value as it displays a high degree of artistic merit and is a representative example of the Annex architectural style as applied to a detached house form structure. The Annex architectural style was popular in Toronto from the 1880s up to 1900. The origins of the architectural style are often attributed to the architect E. J. Lennox, however it was employed by numerous practitioners, and was primarily if not exclusively applied to residential house form structures. The Annex architectural style combined elements of the Romanesque and Queen Anne architectural styles. Architectural features representative of the Annex architectural style, and that display a high degree of artistic merit, include the brick cladding with brick and sandstone detailing; the deep eaves with exposed beams; the central front gable dormer with four smaller inset windows; and the window openings of varying sizes and scales.

Contextual Value

Contextually, the property at 512 Jarvis Street is visually, functionally, and historically linked to the adjacent properties at 504, 506, 510 and 514 Jarvis Street, which collectively form a collection of 19th century housing occupying the full block frontage of Jarvis Street between Cawthra Square and Gloucester Street. Each property contains a detached house form structure designed in the Annex architectural style, with a generally consistent setback, scale, form and massing, although 512 and 514 Jarvis Street are slightly smaller than the southern houses. Visually, the subject property is linked to these adjacent properties as well as nearby house form buildings.

representative of the historic residential context of Upper Jarvis from the late 19th century 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 512 Jarvis Street is important in maintaining and supporting the character of the Upper Jarvis neighbourhood and the Cawthra Square - Jarvis Street - Gloucester Street block frontage, comprised of a collection of 19th century house form buildings. Subsequent mid- to late- 20th century apartment buildings reflect the second wave of residential development that replaced many of the original house form buildings akin to the subject property. 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

Heritage Attributes

Design and Physical Value

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the properties at 512 Jarvis Street being a representative example of a detached house form designed in the Annex architectural style:

- The scale, form and massing of the subject property, containing a detached two-and-a-half storey house form building set-back from the sidewalk
- The red brick and sandstone cladding and ornamentation
- The round-arched and flat-headed window openings with stone sills, brick lintels and drip moulds
- The prominent gabled dormer window containing four windows set beneath a large pedimented gable and with dentil detailing
- The prominent roof comprised of a high-pitched hipped roof with cross-gable and shed dormer windows deep eaves with exposed rafter beams and punctuated by brick chimneys
- The flat-headed and round-arched window openings
- The front porch on the primary (east) facade, with wooden columns atop brick piers
- The primary (east) entrance set within a round-arched opening and with a fanlight transom window

Contextual Value

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 512 Jarvis Street being visually, functionally and historically linked to its surroundings and for maintaining and supporting the character of the area:

- The placement, setback and orientation of the structure on the west side of Jarvis Street between Cawthra Square and Gloucester Street
- The two-and-a-half storey scale of the primary (east) façade
- The wrought iron fence dividing the front yard from the sidewalk

SCHEDULE B
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PIN 21106-0184 (LT)

PART OF LOT 8, REGISTERED PLAN 570

DESIGNATED AS PART 3, PLAN 66R-25877

City of Toronto and Province of Ontario

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