

**Planning and Growth Management Committee, City of Toronto,
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Items PG 25.4 & 4a

Prioritization of Outstanding Heritage Conservation District Studies and
Interim Protective Measures

Harbord Village Phase 3

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Harbord Village Residents' Association



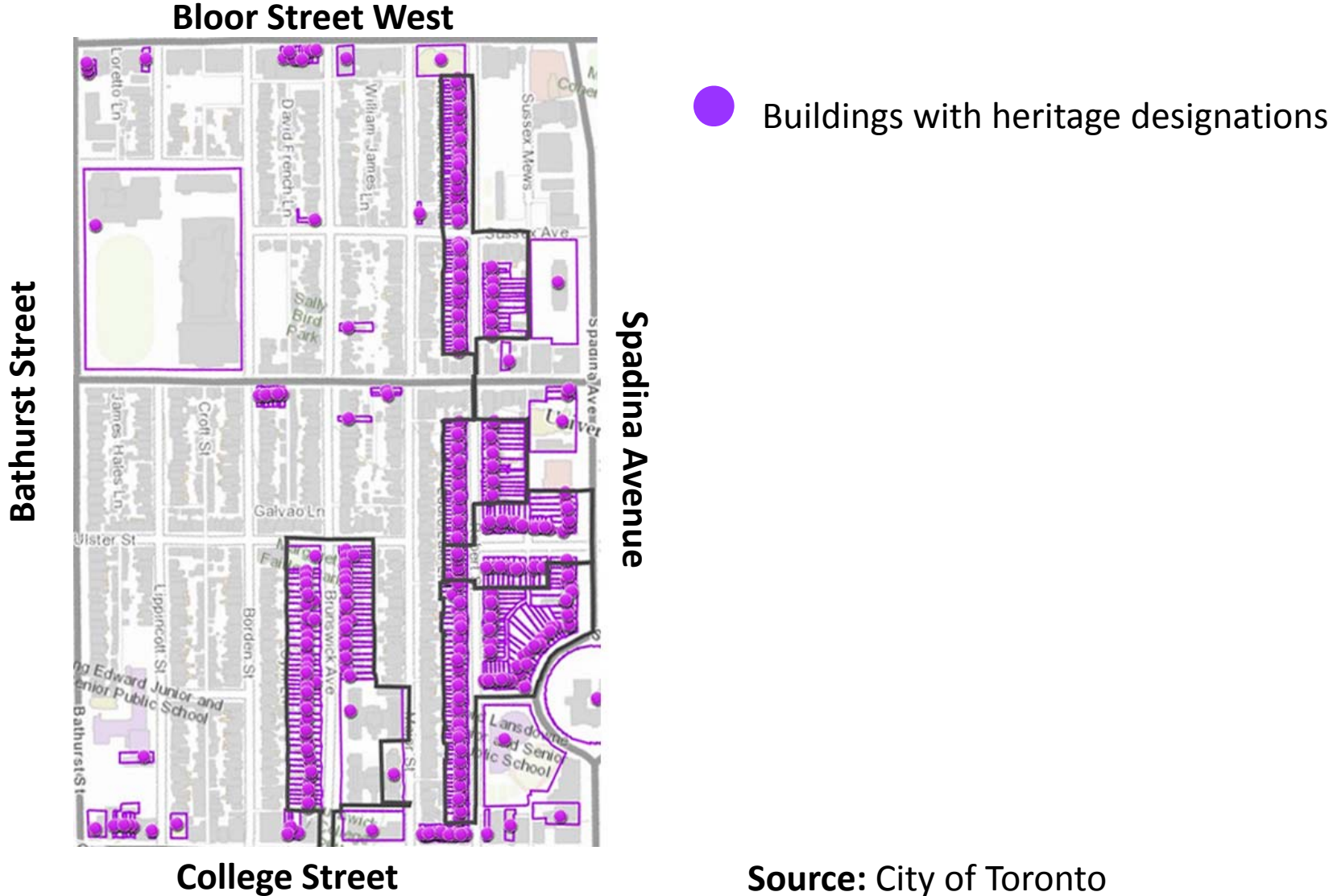
Where is Harbord Village?

Bloor St. W.



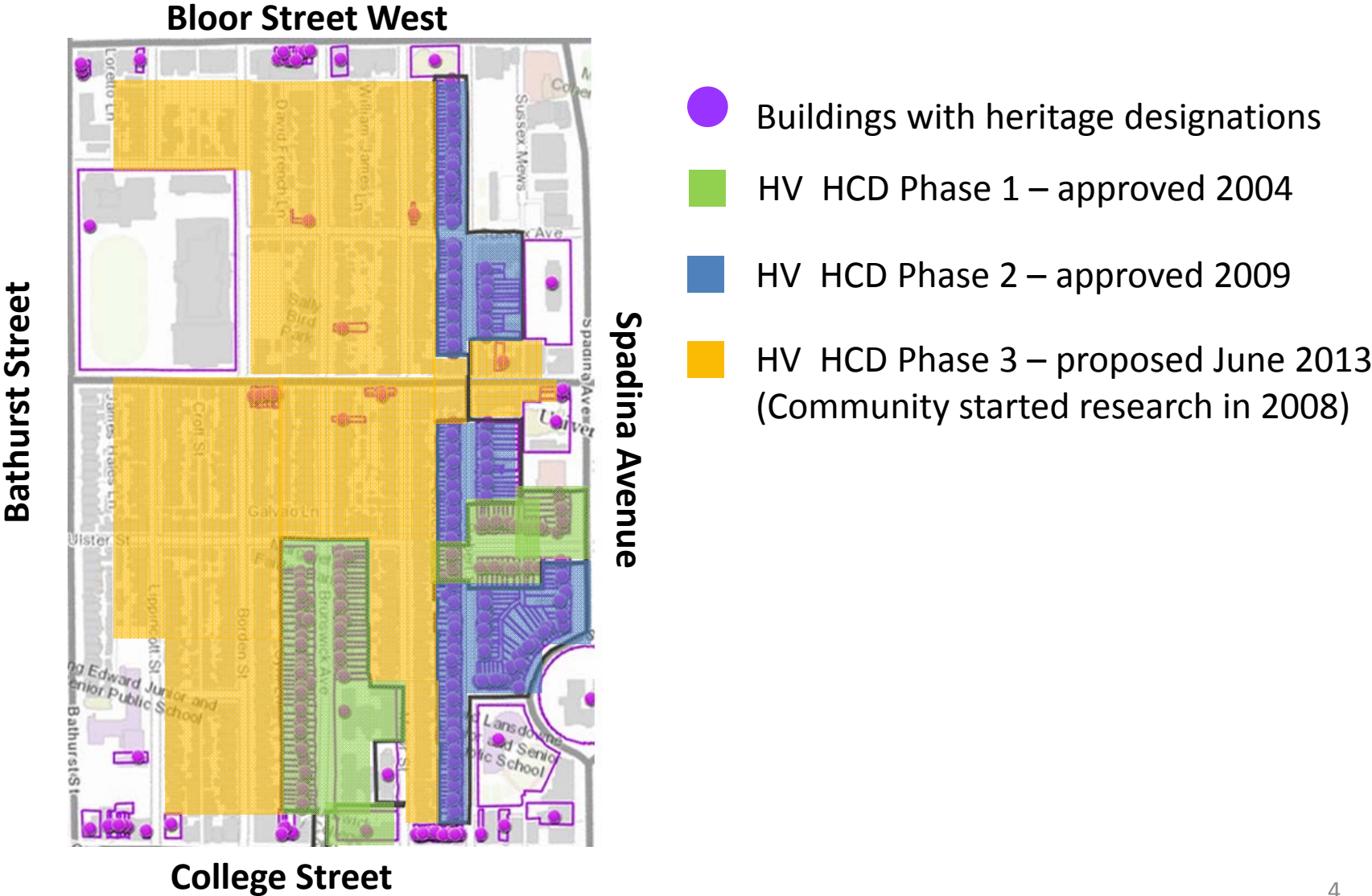
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Harbord Village Heritage Conservation Districts



Source: City of Toronto

Harbord Village Heritage Conservation Districts



Urgent Need for Protection of Heritage Value

Non-contributing renovations example

Note 2017 image:

- Metal cladding
- Colour
- Windows



2015



2017

Urgent Need for Protection of Heritage Value

Development and density example



2007



2017

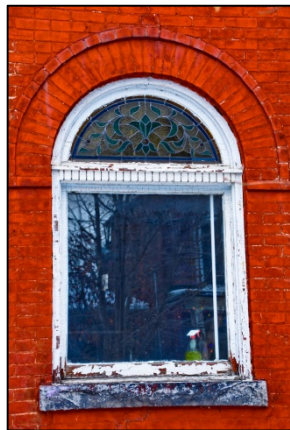
Harbord Village HCD Phase 3⁶

Urgent Need for Protection of Heritage Value

Demolition by Neglect and Fire Example

Lost /Damaged Attributes:

- Portico with Spandrels and Spindles
- Stained glass windows
- Decorative brickwork



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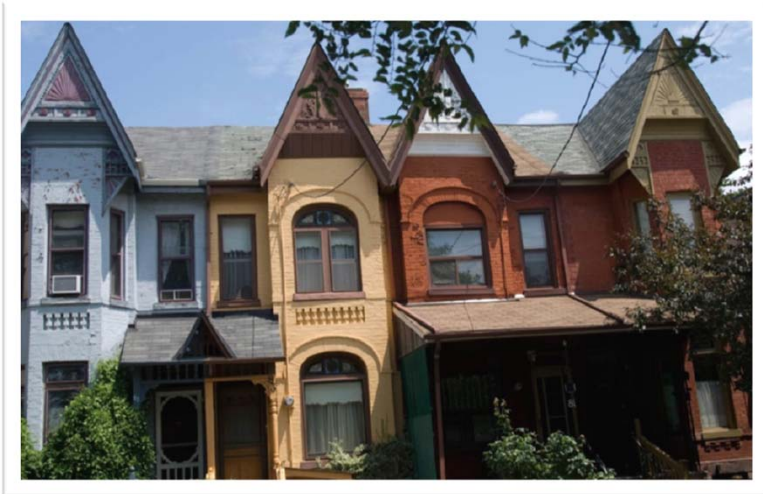


2017

Heritage and Cultural Value of Harbord Village

Design and Architectural Character Value

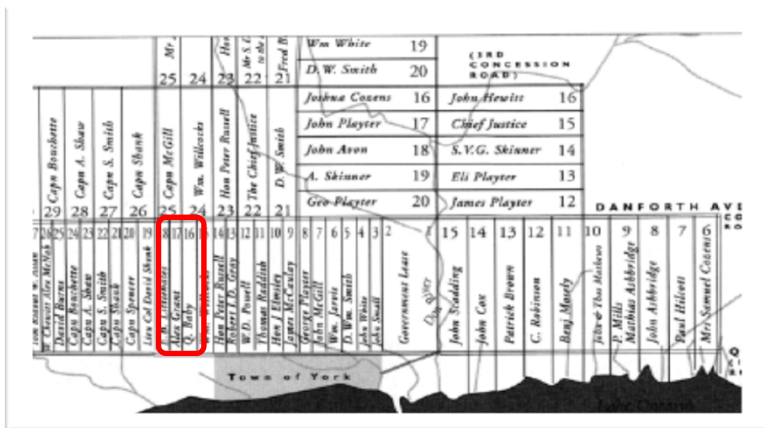
- Large number of Victorian buildings
- Bay-n-Gable, Queen Anne, Gothic Revival, Second Empire and Richardson Romanesque attributes
- Prominent builders include: George and Samuel Barton, William McBean, Frederick Clements, Charles Richard Sleeman Dinnick and William St. Croix
- Rhythm of Toronto Bay-n-Gable rows with mature tree canopy



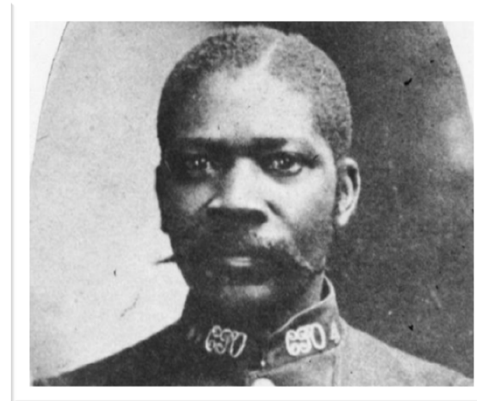
More than Buildings are at risk: Heritage and Cultural Value of Harbord Village

Historic Value

- Town of York Park Lots 16,17 and 18
- For over 130 years this 23 block area has been a neighbourhood
- Waves of immigration since the 1880's include British, Russian Jews, Italians, Portuguese, and Chinese immigrants and refugees
- Home to Albert Jackson (Canada's first black mail carrier), to Bill James (photographer), Gwendolyn MacEwan (poet), Norman Bethune (physician), David French (playwright), Walter Huston and Douglas Campbell(actors)
- Laneways celebrated in the paintings of Albert Frank



Park lots 16, 17 and 18



Albert Jackson



Painting by Albert Frank

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Social and Community Value

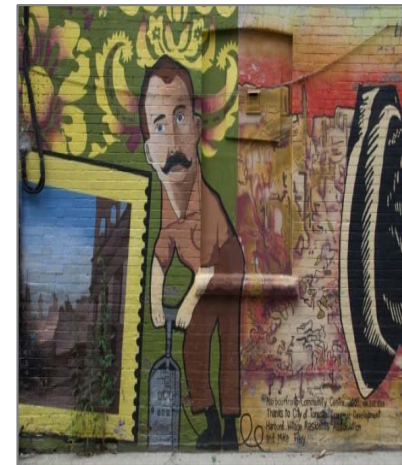
- For over 130 years, this 23 block area of the City of Toronto, now Harbord Village, has called itself a neighbourhood. For that period it has functioned as a community despite demographic shifts, “modernization”, and several threats of demolition (e.g. Spadina Expressway)
- Since C19th home to waves of immigrants and refugees
- Harbord Village’s many projects include: Fall Fair, Farmers’ Market, Pumpkin Festival, Halloween Pipes, Treeing Our Village, Tree Inventory, Graffiti Committee, Community Yard Sale, Fire Prevention Project, Downtown West Solar Energy Project, and award-winning Oral History Project



Children pull cart on Major Street 1911



Harbord Village annual Fall Fair



Graffiti on Croft Street

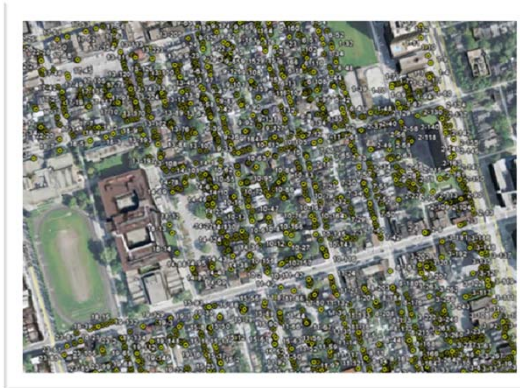
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Nature Value

- Dense urban forest boasting some of the oldest trees in Toronto
- Neighbourhood Tree Inventory of over 4000 trees in 2007 and updated in 2017
- 137 Heritage Trees Identified- including Burr Oak over 300 years old
- “Treeing our Village” project planted over 130 backyard trees
- Laneway greening plan -



Burr oak-age approx. 300



Dense urban forest in HV



Planting backyard trees

The Heritage Values of our Neighbourhood are at Risk

Context:

- The cultural heritage value of Harbord Village is not confined to the 5 streets granted HCD status in 2007 and 2014.
- We are a neighbourhood and a community linked our history, architectural and urban design values, our urban forest and most important a vibrant and involved community of residents.

Conclusion:

HV HCD Phase 3 – proposed in June 2013 is threatened by:

- Demolition by neglect and fire
- Non-contributing renovations
- Development and new density

We need interim protection while we wait for our Heritage Conservation District Study.

