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50th Anniversary of the City of Toronto's Heritage Register

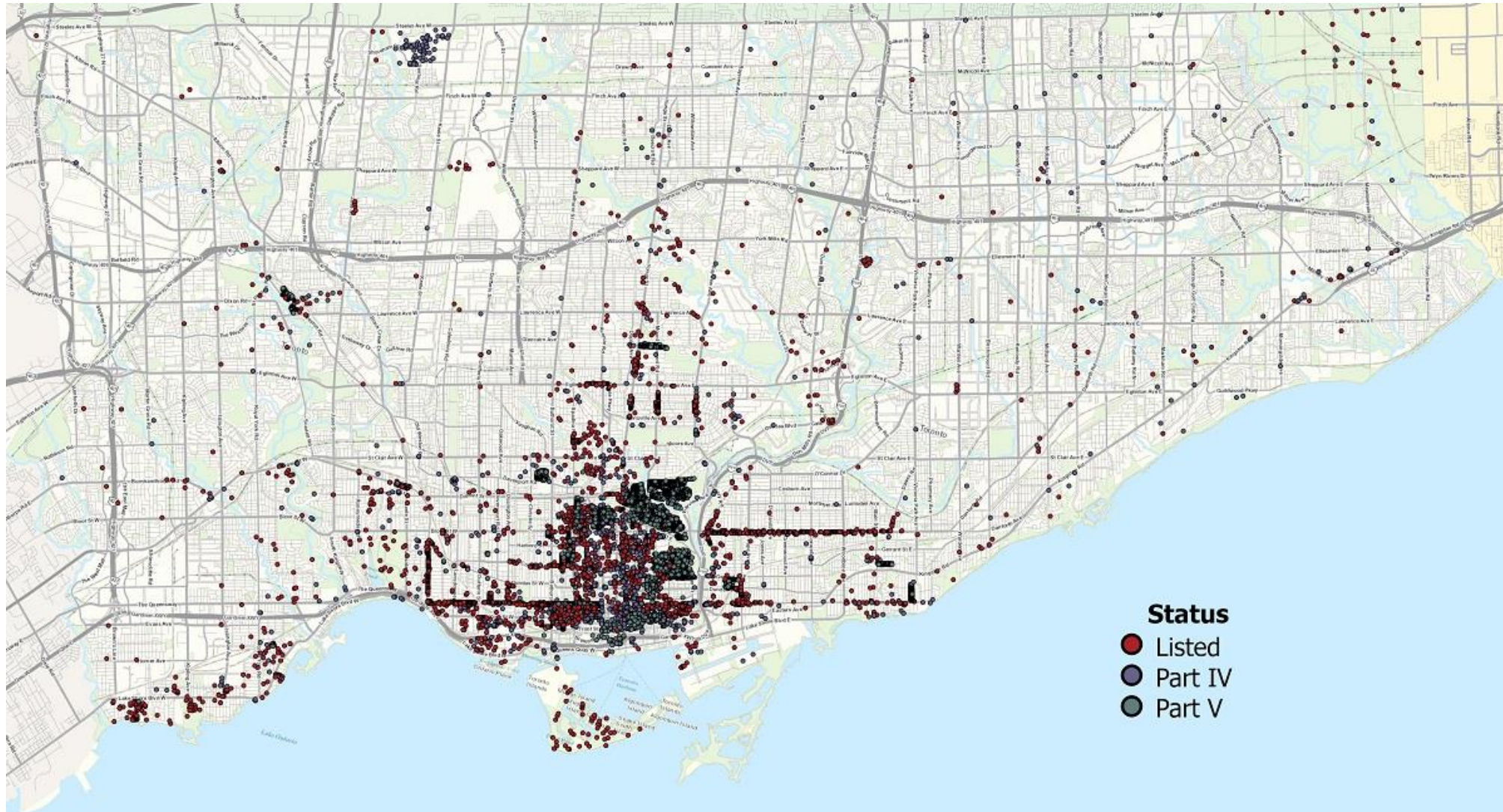
Timeline:

- 1960's** Toronto Historical Board
- 1973** Heritage inventories
- 1975** Ontario Heritage Act
- 1977** Listing Process established
- 1977** Heritage markers
- 1998** Amalgamation (six municipalities)
- 2005** Heritage Act amendments
- 2006** Reg. 9/06 – Provincial criteria
- 2006** City of Toronto Heritage Register
- 2012** Heritage Conservation Districts Procedures
- 2015** Official Plan Heritage Policies
- 2019** Toronto Heritage Survey (citywide)
- 2021/23** Ontario Heritage Act amendments



In 1973, the former City of Toronto launches its first heritage inventory – the same year as the CN Tower opens.

City of Toronto's Heritage Register (2023)



Heritage Register: Key Data

Total: 11,009 Properties

Designated:

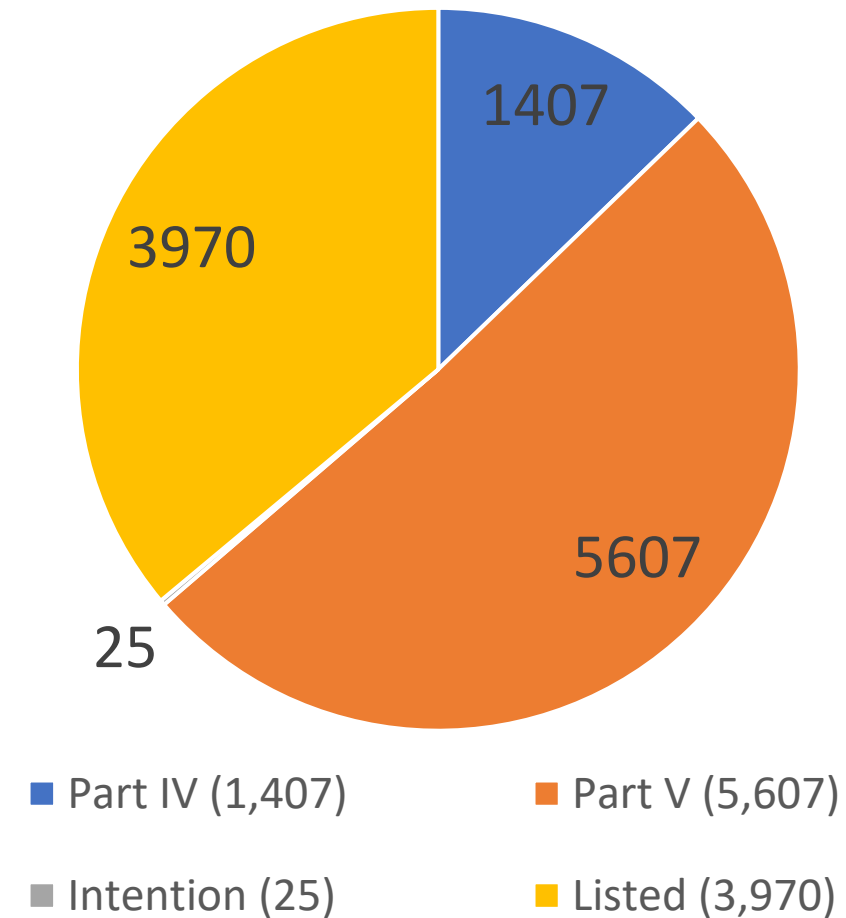
7,039 (64%)

- Part IV: 1,407
- Part V: 5,607
- Intention to Designate: 25

Listed (non-designated):

3,970 (36%)

Heritage Register Data

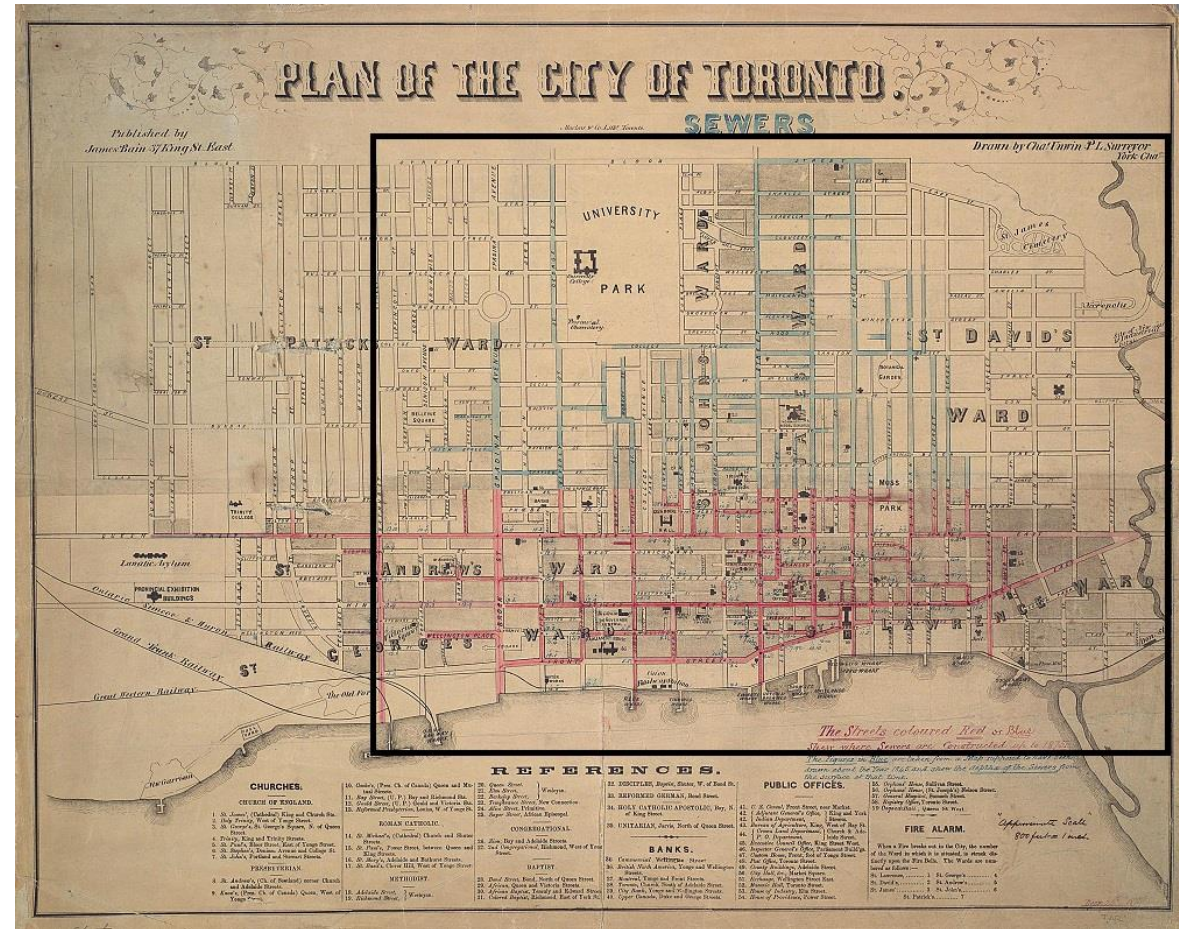


Origins of the Former City of Toronto's Heritage Inventory (1973-1998)

- In 1972, the former City of Toronto requested that the Toronto Historical Board work to preserve buildings in Toronto of architectural merit.
- In 1973, the Board, with the financial assistance from the federal and provincial governments, undertook a survey of the 1850 city. The survey area was bounded by Bathurst Street, Bloor Street, the Don River, and Lake Ontario.
- On June 20, 1973, the City adopted its first list of 490 entries onto the City of Toronto's Inventory of Heritage Properties.
- By 1977, the Register had expanded to 1,200 properties with 120 properties of these having been designated.

Former City of Toronto Heritage Inventory – June 20, 1973

- The Toronto Historical Board's survey of historical properties focused on area the 1850 city boundaries (Bathurst Street, Bloor Street, the Don River, and Lake Ontario)
- 490 properties adopted by Council on June 20, 1973



1858 Unwin Plan for the City of Toronto
(1850 city boundaries indicated in black)

Inaugural Heritage Inventory (1973) : Property Typologies



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515 Jarvis Street

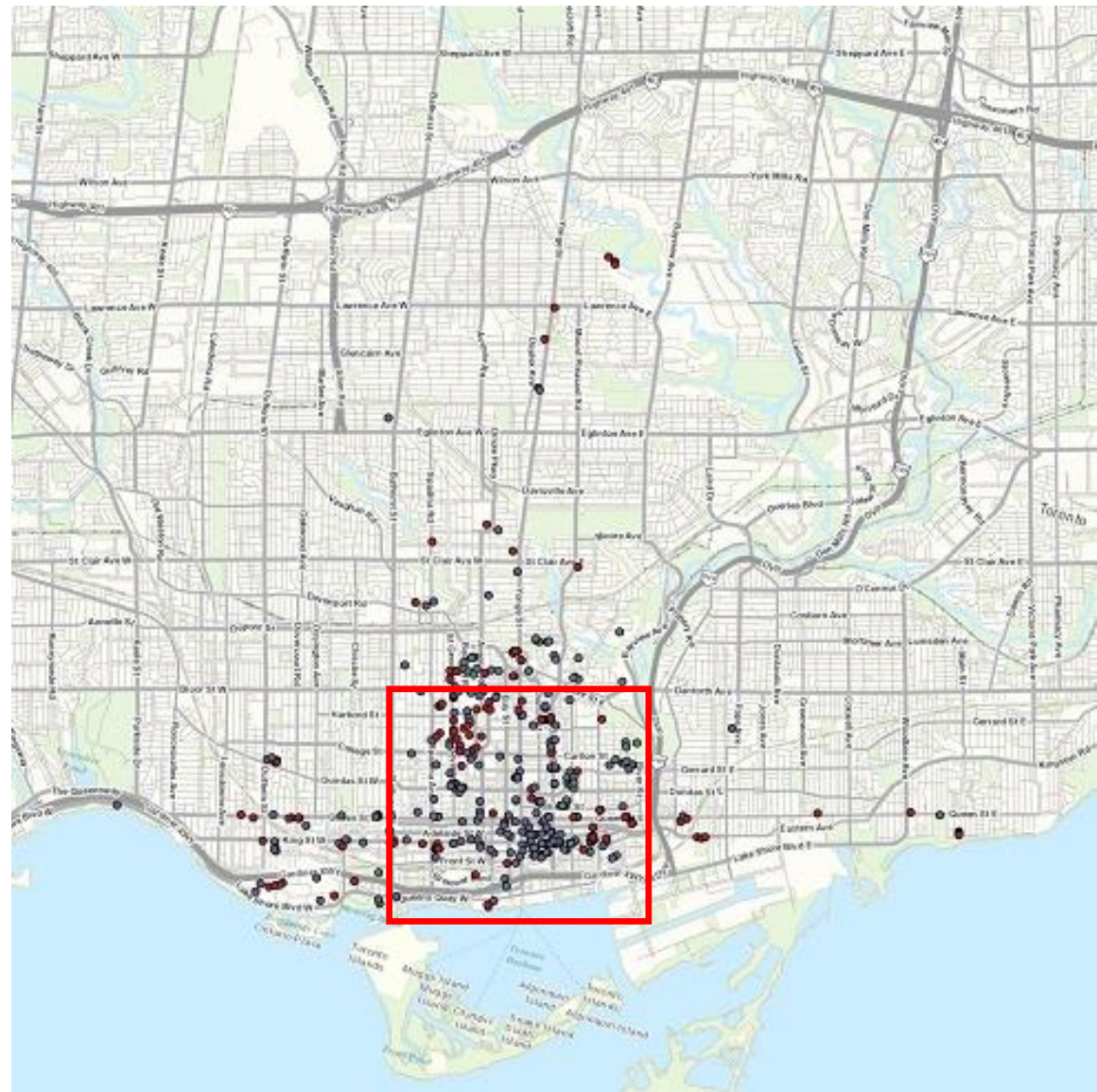
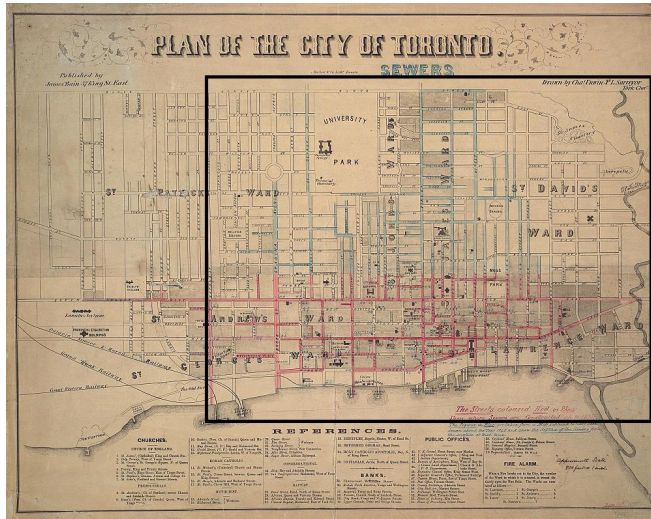


515 Jarvis Street in 1990 (Toronto Historical Board slides).



Toronto Archives, Fonds 2032, Series 841, File 49, Item 25

515 Jarvis Street in 1972 (City of Toronto Archives).



East of the Don River



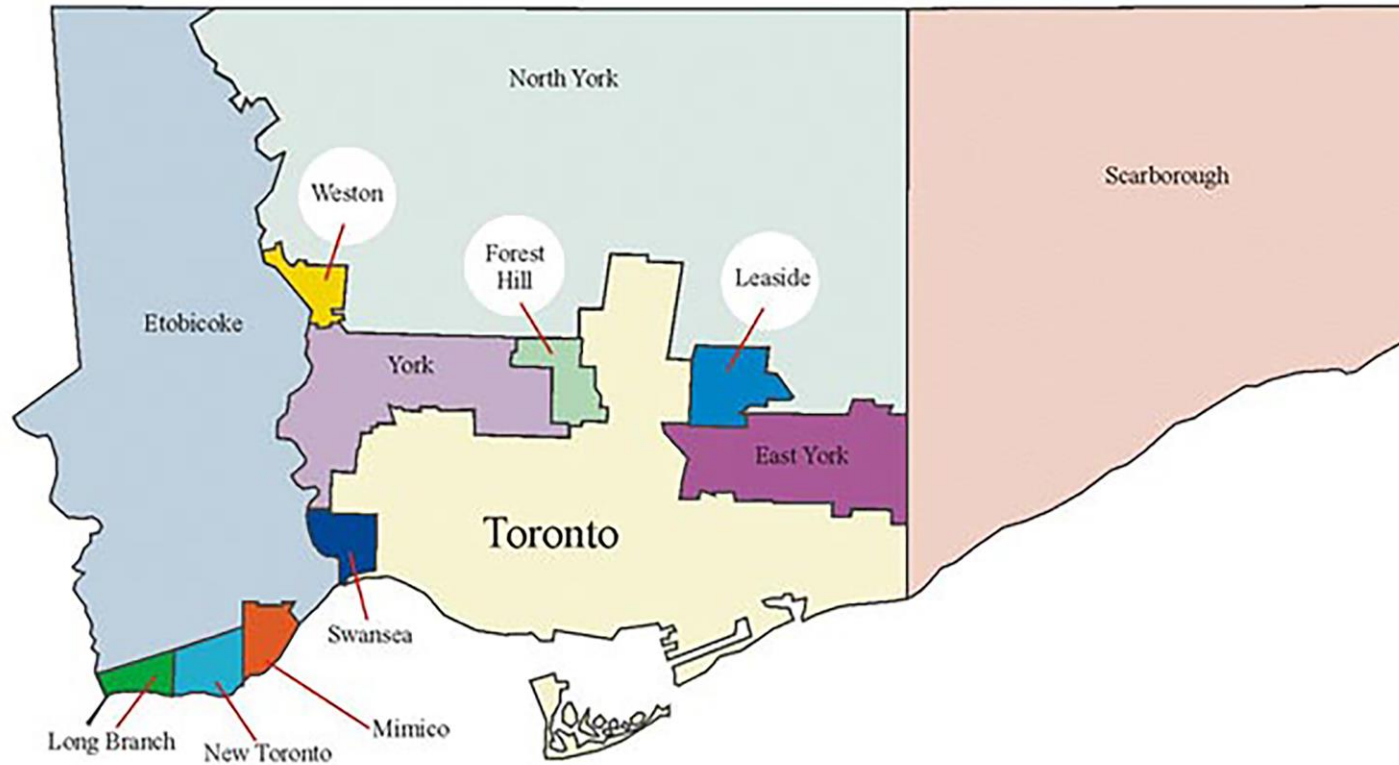
**Price Bros. fourplexes on Wineva Avenue (18-36)
photo showing 18-28 Wineva Avenue**



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Kew Beach Fire Hall, 1905 Queen Street East

Heritage Inventories were created in each of the former municipality in the 1970s



City of Toronto Culture. Kevin Hebib - 2005.

Borough of East York Inventory



Todmorden Mills, 67 Pottery Road, CBC 2016 – Doors Open

Borough of East York Inventory



"Ina Grafton Gage Home for the Aged" in 1965 (Toronto Public Library)



2 O'Connor Drive (BuiltTO, photo by Bob Krawczyk).

Borough of East York Inventory



1477 Bayview Ave., "Garden Court Apartments" in 1983 (Toronto Public Library)



1477 Bayview Avenue (retrieved from BuiltTO, photo by Bob Krawczyk).

Etobicoke Inventory



Montgomery's Inn - 4709 Dundas Street West



190 Rathburn Road

North York Inventory



Gibson House



1091 Finch Avenue East - Zion School
1650 Finch Avenue East – Zion Church

Scarborough Inventory



520 Progress Ave – Scott House



146 St. Andrew Road – Thomson House (Springfield)

Borough of York Inventory



64 King Street - Tyrrell House

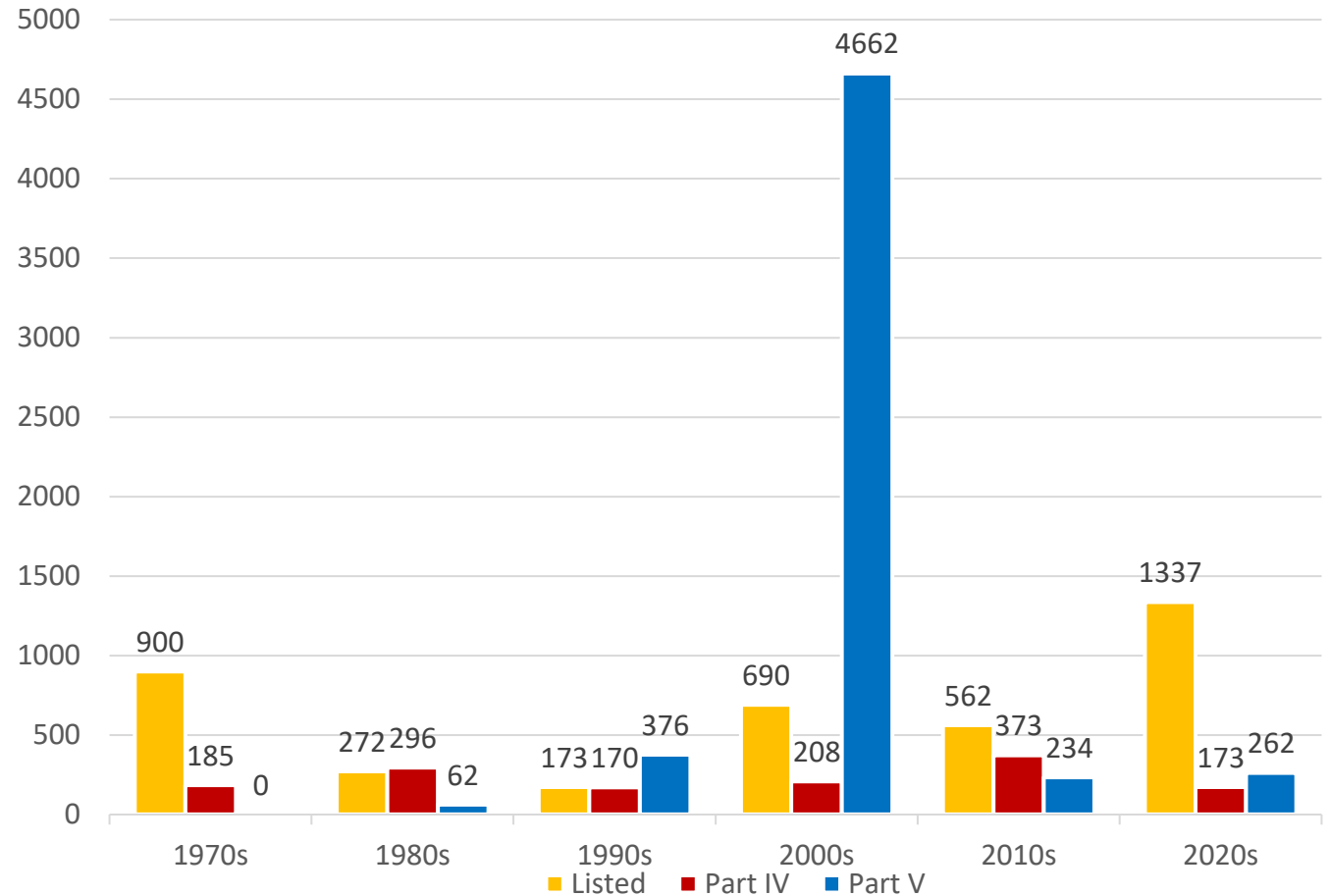


2 King Street York Public Library – Weston Branch

Heritage Register by the Decade: 1973-2023

Properties per Decade

- **1970s:** 1,085 (10%)
 - **1980s:** 630 (6%)
 - **1990s:** 719 (7%)
- Amalgamation subtotal = 2,434 (23%)
- **2000s:** 5,560 (51%)
 - **2010s:** 1,169 (11%)
 - **2020s:** 1,772 (16%)



1975 - First Part IV By-law enacted in Toronto



25 Augusta Avenue in 1970 (Toronto Historical Board slides).



St. Felix Centre today

1975 Part IV Designations



St. Michael's Cemetery – photo Toronto Historical Board, 1996

be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Toronto.

DAVID CROMBIE, Mayor.
A. R. N. WOADDEN, Deputy City Clerk.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Toronto, December 10, 1975.
(L.S.)

SCHEDULE 'A'

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Toronto, in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto (formerly in the County of York) and Province of Ontario, being composed of part of lot 21 in the Second Concession from the Bay in the original Township of York, but now in the said City of Toronto, the boundaries of the said parcel being described as follows: commencing at a point distant 425.16 feet measured westerly along a line drawn parallel to the northerly limit of Balmoral Avenue from a point in the westerly limit of Yonge Street distant 322.00 feet measured northerly thereon from the said northerly limit of Balmoral Avenue; thence continuing westerly along the said parallel line 36.13 feet; thence northerly along a line drawn at right angles to the said parallel line 36.00 feet; thence easterly along a line drawn parallel to the said northerly limit of Balmoral Avenue 36.13 feet; thence southerly in a straight line 36.00 feet more or less to the aforesaid point of commencement.

SCHEDULE 'B'

Reasons for the designation of the Dead House in St. Michael's Cemetery at the rear of No. 1408A Yonge Street.....

The Dead House is designated as being of architectural value, not only because it is an interesting octagonal building and a good example of the revived Gothic style, but also because it is the work of an important Toronto architect of the mid-nineteenth century, and as being of historic interest because the building has contextual and historical importance as the focal point of Toronto's oldest Roman Catholic cemetery.

IN THE MATTER of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122
And in the matter of the lands and premises known municipally as Rear of 1408A YONGE STREET, in the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 17th and 19th days of September, 1975, decided to designate the lands and buildings, known municipally as Rear of 1408A Yonge Street, as a property of architectural value or interest under The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122. The reason for the proposed designation is not only because it is an interesting octagonal building and a good example of the revived Gothic style, but also because it is the work of an important Toronto architect of the mid-nineteenth century. The Building also has contextual and historical importance as the focal point of Toronto's oldest Roman Catholic cemetery.

Notice of objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of September 26th, 1975.

DATED at Toronto this 26th day of September, 1975.
ROY V. HENDERSON
Deputy City Clerk.

No. 574—75. A BY-LAW

To designate the Dead House in St. Michael's Cemetery at the rear of number 1408A Yonge Street of architectural value and of historic interest.

[Passed December 10, 1975.]

Whereas The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of interest or architectural value or interest; and

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Kelvin Grove Apartments

Part IV Designation



Listings by Decade: 1973-2023

Listings of Properties

Total: 3,970

1970s: 914 **(23%)**

1980s: 279 (7%)

1990s: 175 (4%)

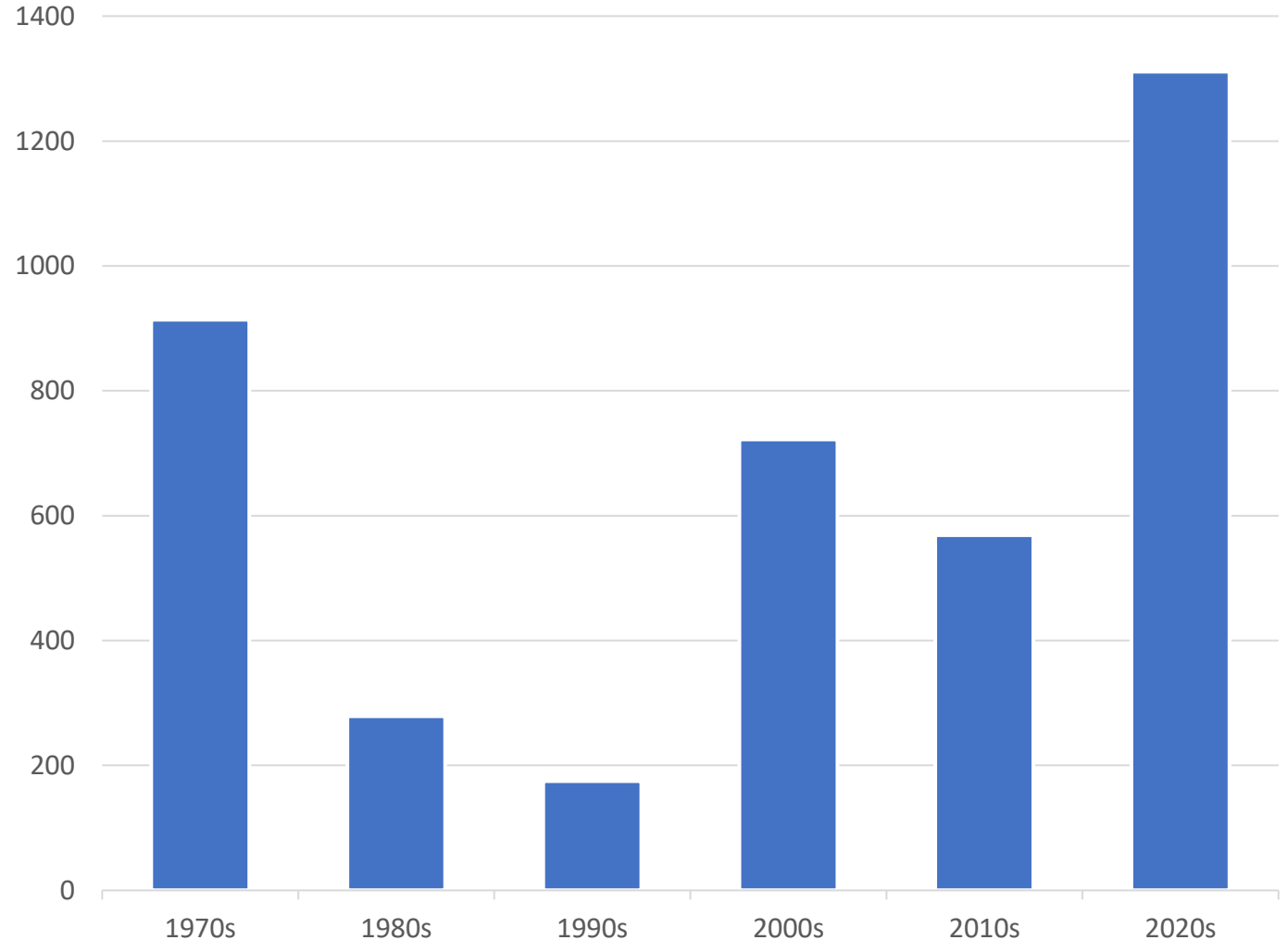
Amalgamation subtotal = 1,368

2000s: 722 (18%)

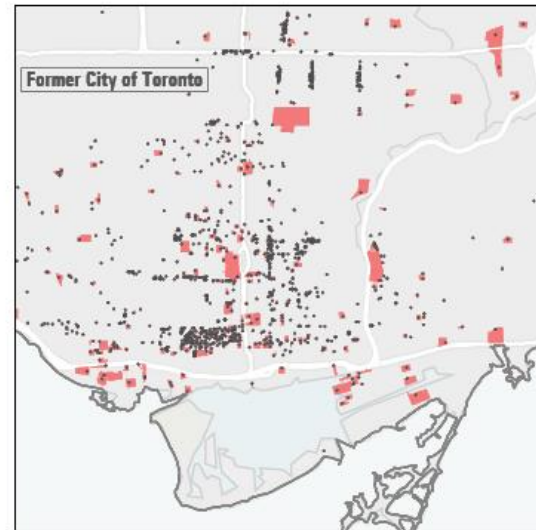
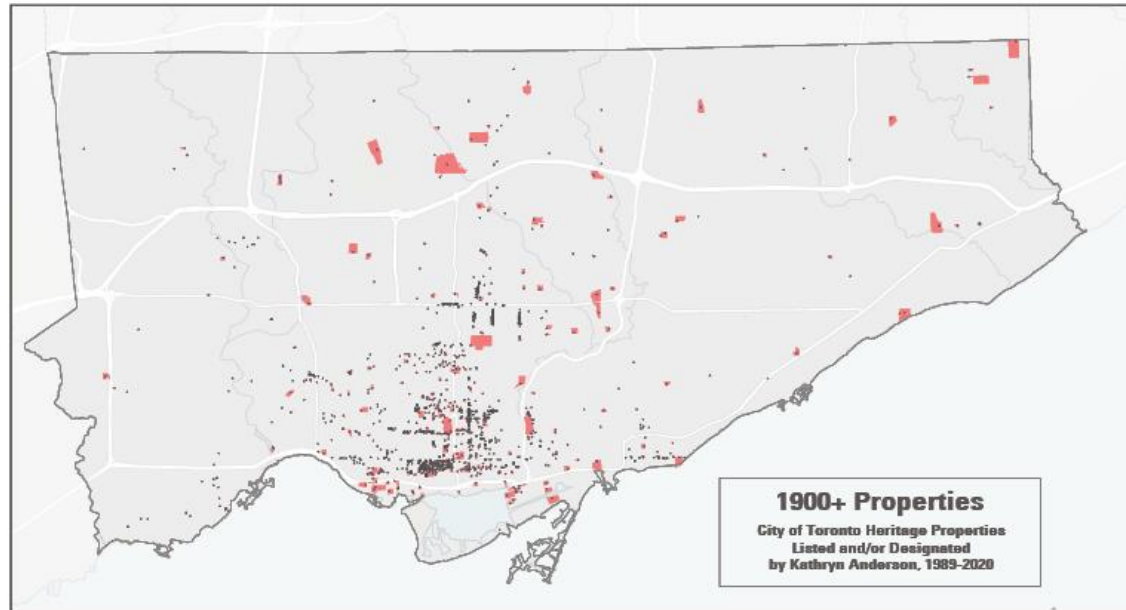
2010s: 569 (14%)

2020s: 1,311 **(33%)**

Listings by Decade (1973-2023)



Heritage Preservation Services / Heritage Planning



Stanley Barracks



The Grange



The Morrow House



The Guild Inn



The Distillery District



The Canada Life Insurance Building



Canada Malting Silos



Hart House, University of Toronto



Nealon House, 197 King Street East



Uno Prii's Towers in the Park



Scott Library, York University



Garden Court Apartments



Maple Leaf Gardens



Kelvingrove Apartments



Eden Smith's Arts and Crafts Homes



Commerce Court North



The Don Jail



Draper Street Heritage District



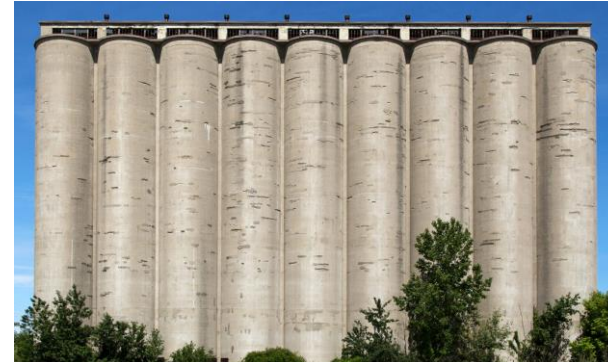
Scarborough Civic Centre



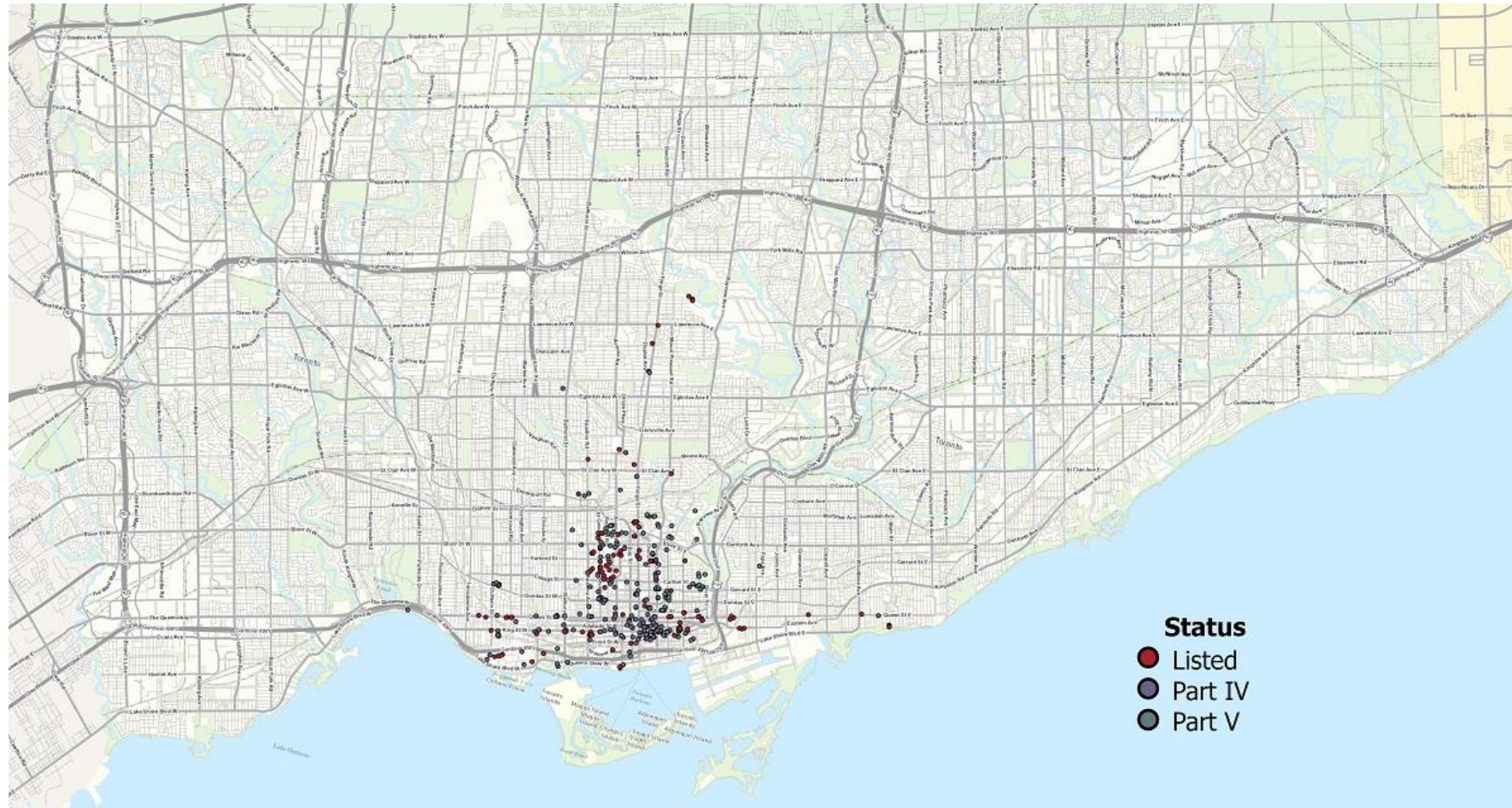
LCBO Headquarters

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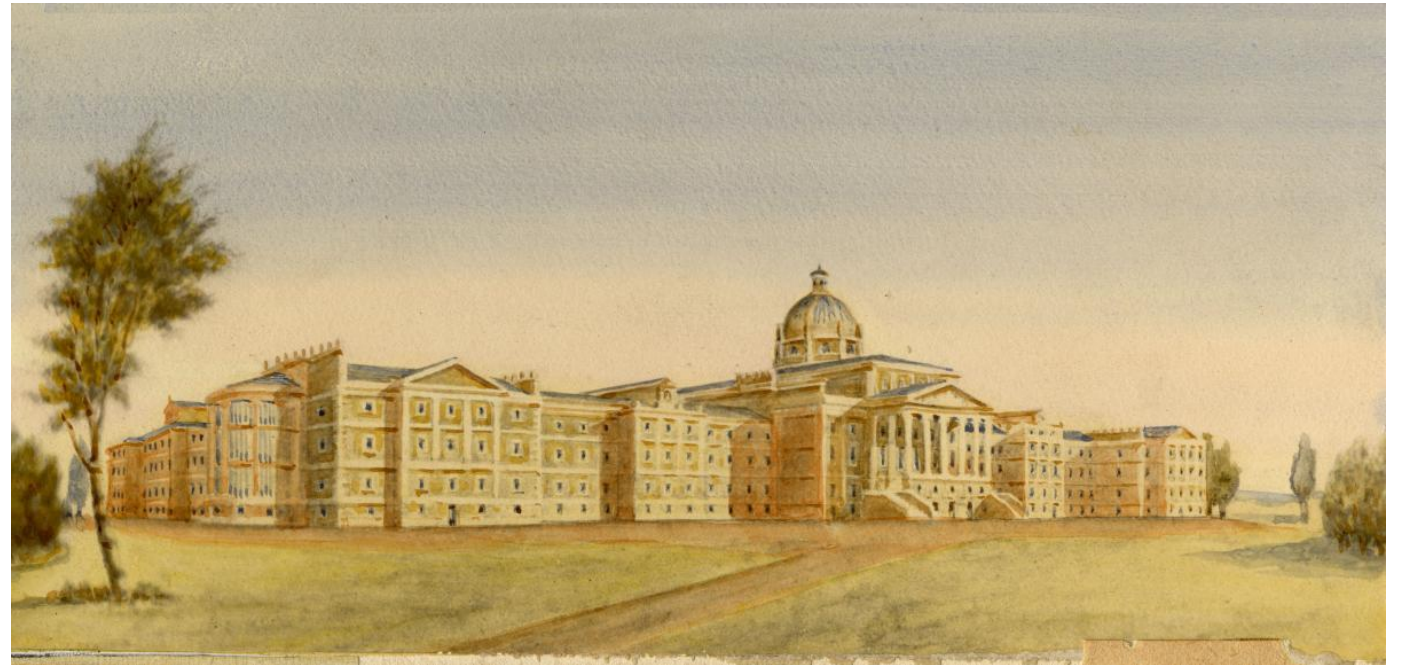
Toronto's Waterfront Heritage



50 Years Later – Properties from the Former City of Toronto’s 1973 Heritage Inventory



Notable Losses from the 1973 Inventory



Lunatic Asylum, 999 Queen Street West,
Date1868
Names[William Notman \(Firm\)](#) (author)

Notable Losses from the 1973 Inventory



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Walnut Hall at 102- 108 Shuter Street was a row of four Georgian-style terraced homes. Constructed in 1856.



Photo HPS, 2006. The building collapsed in 2007 after years of neglect.

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Notable Losses from the 1973 Inventory



St. Paul's Methodist (United) Church, Avenue Road.,
southeast corner Webster Avenue
Date 189-?



Fire - 4/24/1995
[Mahler, John](#) (photographer), Toronto Star

Toronto's Civic Heritage - 50 Years later



Scarborough's Civic Centre opened with a Royal visit and considerable fanfare on June 29, 1973.

This modern facility was built to house the municipal offices of the Borough of Scarborough and the offices of the Scarborough Board of Education.

An exhibit celebrates the 50th anniversary of the opening of one of Scarborough's, and Toronto's, most iconic structures.

<https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/history-art-culture/online-exhibits/web-exhibits/web-exhibits-local-government/albert-campbells-dream-a-new-scarborough-civic-centre/>

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