

October 21, 2025 | 4:30-7:00pm

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Janes' portion of the Baldwin estate (eastern portion of West Annex) annexed by the City of Toronto, as per his "Toronto Annex" proposal; this is an early instance of Toronto's expansion by annexation, and the area's namesake by 1886 Simeon Janes purchases southern section of Baldwin estate

1889-1892 1887 Walmer Road Baptist Church built



by 1890

West Annex subdivisions provided with water and sewer lines, paved sidewalks and roadways; horse-drawn trams run on Spadina Avenue south of Bloor Street

Majority of the West Annex's subdivisions are built, with construction peaking in 1907;

each residential street populated primarily by either wealthy, middle-class, or working-class homeowners; scattered institutional buildings (churches, schools and fire

stations)







c. 1903-1912

1906 Kendal Square (now Jean Sibelius Square) created by City on lots slated for residential development



McNicol Hall of the Ontario Bible College built on Spadina Road



1929-1939

Great Depression

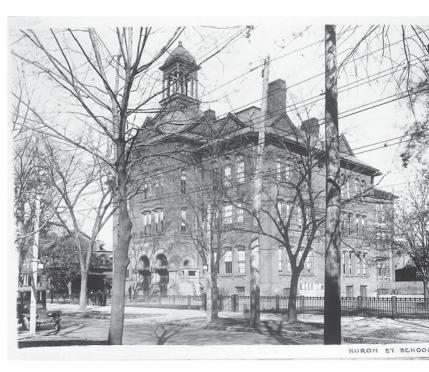
> 1939-1945 Second World War

Portion of West Annex west of Kendal Avenue annexed by the City of Toronto 1888

Streetcar lines established on Bathurst, Bloor, and Dupont Streets

889-1903

Huron Street Public School constructed



1889

By-law prohibits further construction of apartment buildings in the Annex

1912

St. Alban the Martyr's chancel completed; cathedral will never be completed



1891

West Annex Phase II: Heritage Conservation District Study: Open House

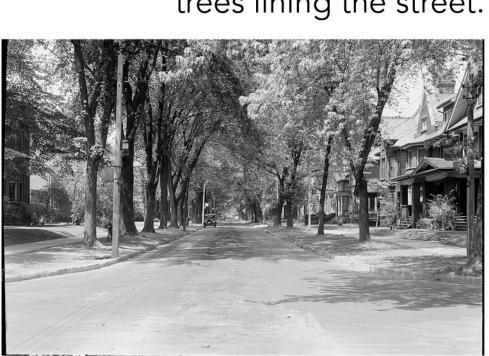
First Church of Christ Scientist built on St. George Street

1916

First World War

1914-1918

Spadina Road widened, including the removal of most trees lining the street.



c.1950s

Affluent families begin to move out of West Annex; rooms in many of the area's houses begin to be rented out; some houses converted to discreet commercial and institutional uses; area increasingly populated by students, workers, and immigrant families

c.1920s-1940s

1925

Annex Ratepayer's

Association (ARA)

Annex Residents'

formed (now

Association)

Historic Timeline (2/3)

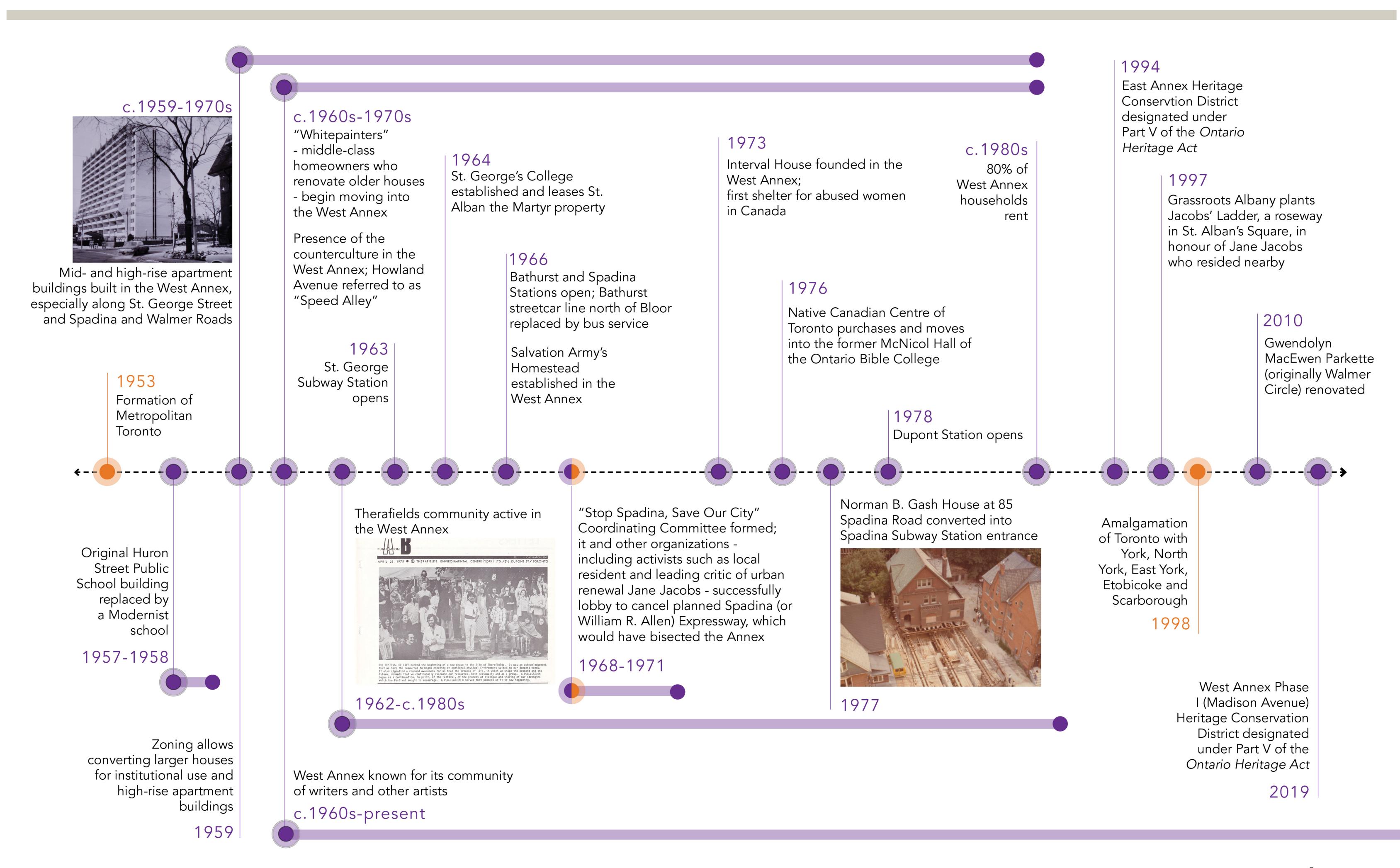














Historic Timeline (3/3)







