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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND  
542 COLLEGE STREET  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO


NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

To: Eucol Property Inc.  
325 King St. W.  
Suite 301  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5V 1J5  
Attn: John Berman

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5C 1J3

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto has passed  
By-law No. 1997-0344 to designate 542 College Street as being of architectural value or interest.

Dated at Toronto this 31th day of July, 1997.



Sydney K. Baxter  
City Clerk

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No. 1997-0344. BY-LAW

*To designate the property at 542 College Street as  
being of architectural value or interest.*

(Passed July 14, 1997.)

WHEREAS by Clause 12 of Neighbourhoods Committee Report No. 10, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on July 14, 1997, authority was granted to designate the property at 542 College Street as being of architectural value or interest;

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

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as No. 542 College Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" to this by-law;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Toronto enacts as follows:

1. The property at 542 College Street, more particularly described and shown on Schedule "A" to this by-law, is being designated as being of architectural 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 Schedules "A" and "C" 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 owner of the property at 542 College Street East and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Toronto as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

BARBARA HALL,  
Mayor.

SYDNEY K. BAXTER  
City Clerk.

Council Chamber,  
Toronto, July 14, 1997.  
(L.S.)

## SCHEDULE "A"

In the City of Toronto, in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and Province of Ontario, being composed of part of Lot 200 on the north side of College Street according to Plan 93 and part of Lot 200 in Block D according to Plan 574 both said Plans being registered in the Land Registry Office for the Metropolitan Toronto Registry Division (No. 64), the boundaries of the land being described as follows:

COMMENCING at the south-easterly angle of the said Lot 200 on Plan 93, being the intersection of the west side of Euclid Avenue with the north side of College Street,

THENCE westerly on the north side of College Street a distance of 15.43 metres to a point;

THENCE northerly along a line between the walls of 548 College Street and 546 College Street in all a distance of 40.23 metres to a point in the northerly limit of the said Lot 200 on Plan 93 distant 15.24 metres westerly from the westerly limit of Euclid Avenue;

THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of the said Lot 200 on Plan 93 a distance of 15.24 metres to the north-easterly angle of the said Lot 200 on Plan 93;

THENCE southerly along the west side of Euclid Avenue, being the easterly limit of the said Lot 200 on Plan 93, a distance of 40.23 metres to the point of commencement.

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Plan SYE2849 dated June 25, 1997.

## SCHEDULE "B"

## Property Research Summary

Address:	542 College Street
Ward:	04
Current Name:	Not Applicable
Historical Name:	Loyal Orange Lodge
Construction Date:	1913
Architect:	George M. Miller
Contractor/Builder:	J.T.V. May
Additions/Alterations:	Construct new entrance in east elevation, alter interior.
Original Owner:	Loyal Orange Lodge
Original Use:	Commercial/Institutional

Current Use: Commercial

Heritage Category: Neighbourhood Heritage Property (C)

Recording Date: March 4, 1997

Recorder: HPD:jc

\* this does not refer to permitted use(s) as defined in the Zoning By-law

#### History

##### Land Development:

The lands on which the property at 542 College Street stands were first described by Governor Simcoe's surveyors as Park Lot 20 in the First Concession from the Bay. This 100 acre Park Lot was one of 30 tracts of land which ran north/south from Queen Street to Bloor Street. In 1796, the west half of Lot 18 and Lots 19 and 20 were granted to George Crookshank, a member of a Loyalist family from New York, who had come to York in that year. Crookshank established a farm on his Park Lots and, by 1812, had built a farmhouse in the middle of the property. The property was sold in 1851 and was subdivided shortly thereafter. Plan 93 laid out 328 building lots and several new streets from College Street to the north city limits (Bloor Street) between Lippincott and Hope Streets (now Manning Avenue).

It was some years before these early subdivisions were built upon and occupied. To the east, the neighbourhood around College and Grace Streets was settled in the 1870's by mechanics and labourers from the British Isles. The building boom of the 1880's saw development on either side of College and Bathurst Streets. After the economic depression of the 1890's, development expanded westwards. The neighbourhoods around College Street, Palmerston Boulevard and Euclid Avenue were settled as a predominantly Anglo-Saxon enclave. During a second boom that peaked in 1912, commercial development lined College Street.

##### Loyal Orange Lodge:

The Orange tradition originated in 1690, when the forces of William of Orange defeated King James' troops, assuring Protestant supremacy in Ireland. The colour orange was adopted thereafter as a symbol of Irish Protestant patriotism. The Lodge was officially organized in the 1790's.

In Canada, the Orange Order grew into a thriving Irish transplant. The Order became a mouthpiece for British Imperialism and was an advocate of Protestant, Anglo-Saxon unity on the North American continent. Once associated with the working classes, by 1900 Loyal Orange Lodge members were found in the highest offices throughout the country.

The Loyal Orange Lodge purchased the property at the northwest corner of College Street and Euclid Avenue in 1908 and began construction of their Lodge in 1912.

#### Architecture

##### 542 College Street:

The property at 542 College Street was erected in 1913 for the Loyal Orange Lodge, according to the design of Toronto architect George M. Miller. A new entrance was constructed in the Euclid Avenue elevation and the interior has been altered.

Erected on a rectangular plan, the 3-storey red brick building features elements of Edwardian Classicism. The main (College Street) elevation is symmetrically oriented and features, on the ground storey, three shopfronts with glazed shopfront windows. A heavy cornice separates the ground from the second storey. The upper storeys of the building are divided into three bays by pilasters which extend from the second storey to the cornice level. The outer bays contain, at the second storey only, single bay windows. The third storey contains three pairs of flat-headed six-over-one sash windows. A denticulated broken pediment, a heavy cornice and a decorative coat of arms highlight the elevation.

The east (Euclid Avenue) elevation features two large entrances, set into pavilion blocks which terminate in denticulated pediments above the cornice level. Above the doorways six-over-one windows, arranged in twos and threes, are flanked by pilasters which rise to the cornice level. The blocks flank six two-storey, round-headed window openings, ornamented with keystones and separated by channelled masonry. All openings contain multi-paned glazing. The second storey is separated from the third story by a stone bandcourse while the third storey has six pairs of windows, containing six-over-one sash windows. A denticulated cornice runs the length of the building. A low stucco parapet wall rises above the flat roof.

#### Context:

Situated on the northwest corner of the intersection of College Street and Euclid Avenue, the former Loyal Orange Lodge dominates the commercial row between Euclid and Manning Avenues. A reminder of the Anglo-Saxon origins of this College Street neighbourhood, the building respects the heights and setbacks of the earlier properties on the block.

#### Summary:

The property at 542 College Street was erected in 1913 for the Loyal Orange Lodge, according to the design of the Toronto architect George M. Miller.

The 3-storey red brick building displays elements of Edwardian Classicism. The main (College Street) elevation features three ground-storey glazed shopfront windows. The upper two storeys are divided into three bays by pilasters which rise from the second storey to the cornice level. Notable window openings include two second-storey bay windows and a number of flat-headed six-over-one sash windows, arranged in pairs. A denticulated broken pediment, a heavy cornice and a decorative coat of arms highlight this elevation.

The east (Euclid Avenue) elevation features two large entrances, set into pavilion blocks which terminate in denticulated pediments above the cornice level. The blocks flank six two-storey, round-headed window openings, ornamented with keystones and separated by channelled masonry. A stone bandcourse separates the second from the third storey, while a denticulated cornice runs the length of the building. The building is terminated by a low parapet wall.

Situated on the northwest corner of College Street and Euclid Avenue, the former Loyal Orange Lodge is an important reminder of the early development of this neighbourhood and is a significant feature of the streetscape.

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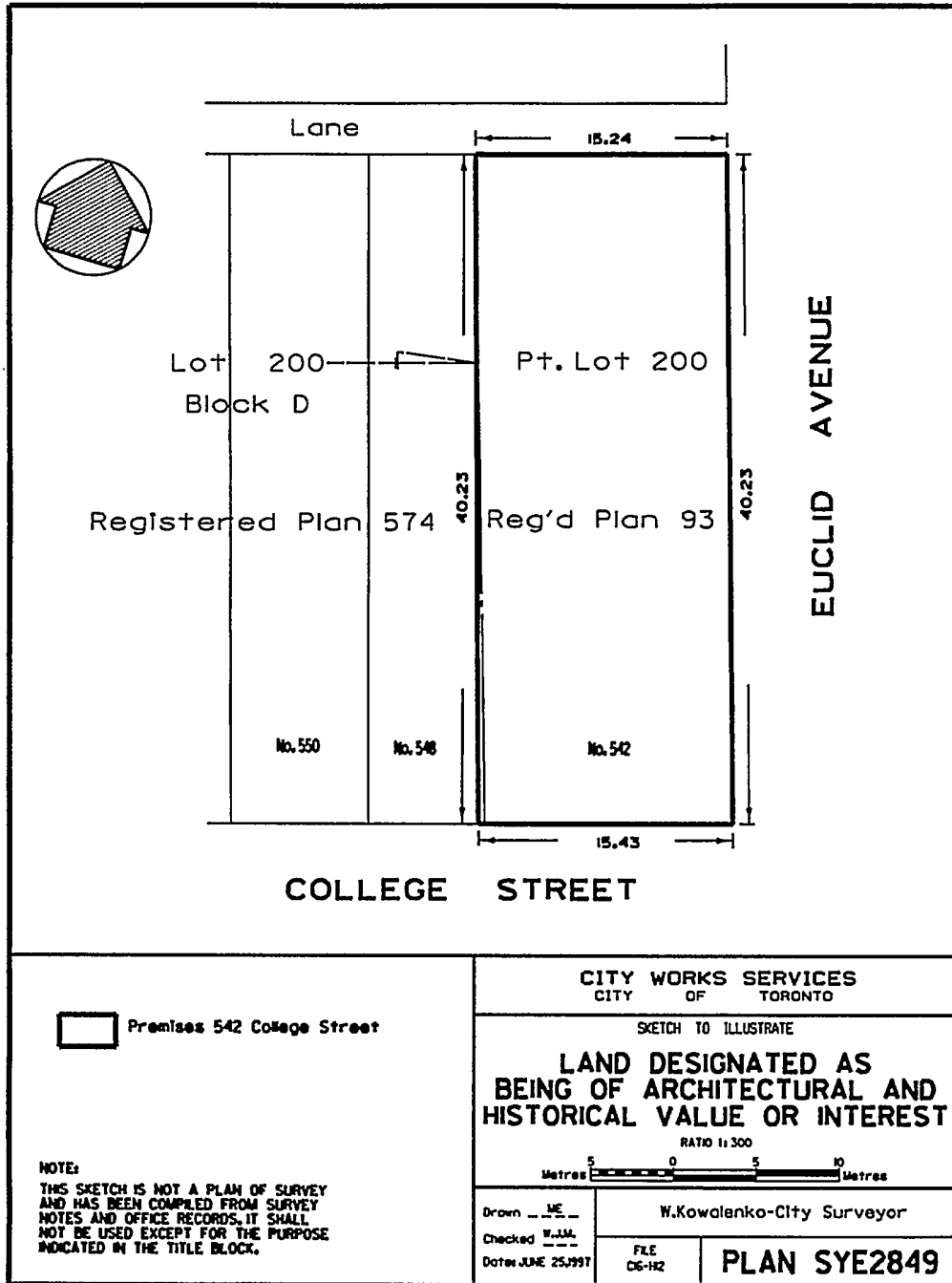
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## SCHEDULE "C"

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