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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND 639, 641, 643, 651, 653 AND 655 QUEEN STREET EAST (THE SMITH BLOCK) CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW 1214-2017

Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, Ontario M5H 1J3

Take notice that the Council of the City of Toronto has passed By-law No. 1214-2017 to designate 639, 641, 643, 651, 653 And 655 Queen Street East (The Smith Block), (Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

Dated at Toronto this 8th day of January, 2018.

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Ulli S. Watkiss City Clerk Authority:

Toronto and East York Community Council Item TE14.14, as adopted by City of

Toronto Council on March 10, 2016

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW 1214-2017

To designate the property at 639, 641, 643, 651, 653 and 655 Queen Street East (the Smith Block) 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 639, 641, 643, 651, 653 and 655 Queen Street East (the Smith Block) 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 land and premises known as 639, 641, 643, 651, 653 and 655 Queen Street East and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to designate the property, and has caused the Notice of Intention to be posted on the City's web site 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; 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 639, 641, 643, 651, 653 and 655 Queen Street East (the Smith Block) 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 at 639, 641, 643, 651, 653 and 655 Queen Street East, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be posted on the City's web site 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 November 9, 2017.

Frances Nunziata, Speaker

Ulli S. Watkiss, City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

SCHEDULE A

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

639 QUEEN STREET EAST

The property at 639 Queen Street East, a unit in the building formerly known as the Smith Block, is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act and inclusion on the City of Toronto Heritage Register for its cultural heritage value, and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 under all three categories of design, associative and contextual value.

Description

The property at 639 Queen Street East is located on the south side of Queen Street East between the East Don Roadway and Broadview Avenue. It is part of the Smith Block, built in 1889-90, and originally a three-storey, flat-roofed building, clad in red brick, sandstone and terracotta, and including a total of nine properties (eight units and one hallway) at 639-655 Queen Street East. There is a vacant lot in the middle of the block due to the 1961 fire which destroyed the central portion including the three properties at 645, 647 (hallway) and 649 Queen Street East.

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Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 639 Queen Street East are:

- The placement, setback and orientation of the building as located within its property boundary on the south side of Queen Street
- The form and massing of with its three storey height
- The flat roof
- The brick, stone and terracotta cladding

On the North Elevation:

- The stepped piers on the outer edges of the elevation with stone bands
- The store front details including:
 - o The entablature with its decorative bands and cornice
 - o The wood framing of the windows with decorative horizontal bands at the heads and piers with decorative details
- At the second floor level:
 - o The paired flat-headed window openings
 - o The stone bands, sills and lintels
 - o The stepped brick panels flanking the lower portions of the windows
- At the third floor level:
 - o The two arched window heads and single, central flat-headed window opening
 - o The brick arches with decorative profiles surrounding the window heads
 - o The great brick arch with the checker board brick pattern
 - o The three terracotta panels below the windows
 - o The two circular terracotta panels at the upper corners of the wall
 - o The rough-hewn stone sills, bands, lintel and impost blocks

641 QUEEN STREET EAST

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Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 641 Queen Street East are:

- The placement, setback and orientation of the building as located within its property boundary on the south side of Queen Street
- The form and massing of this portion of the block with its three storey height
- The flat roof and stuccoed parapets
- The brick, stone and terracotta cladding and details

On the North Elevations:

- The brick piers with stone bands marking the separation between the properties
- The original store front details at the ground floor including:
 - o The entablature with its decorative bands and cornice
 - o The wood framing of the windows with decorative horizontal bands at the heads and piers with decorative details
 - o The window bay with an angled wall towards the shop entry
 - o The entrance to the upper levels with fanlight and panelled door
- At the second floor level:
 - o The paired flat-headed window openings
 - o The stone bands, sills and lintels
- At the third floor level:
 - o The arched-headed window openings
 - o The double-hung sash
 - o The brick arches with decorative profiles surrounding the window heads
 - o The stone impost blocks, adjacent bands and sills

643 QUEEN STREET EAST

The property at 643 Queen Street East, a unit in the building formerly known as the Smith Block, is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act and inclusion on the City of Toronto Heritage Register for its cultural heritage value, and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 under all three categories of design, associative and contextual value.

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The property at 643 Queen Street East is located on the south side of Queen Street East between the East Don Roadway and Broadview Avenue. It is part of the Smith Block, built in 1889-90, and originally a three-storey, flat-roofed building, clad in red brick, sandstone and terracotta, and including a total of nine properties (eight units and one hallway) at 639-655 Queen Street East. There is a vacant lot in the middle of the block due to the 1961 fire which destroyed the central portion including the three properties at 645, 647 (hallway) and 649 Queen Street East.

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- The form and massing of this portion of the block with its three storey height
- The flat roof and stuccoed parapets
- The brick, stone and terracotta cladding and details

On the North Elevation:

• The brick piers with stone bands marking the separation between the properties

- The original store front pattern with a central window and entrance to the shop on one side and the upper levels on the other
- At the second floor level:
 - o The paired flat-headed window openings
 - o The stone bands, sills and lintels
- At the third floor level:
 - o The arch-headed window openings
 - o The brick arches with decorative profiles surrounding the window heads
 - o The rough-hewn stone impost blocks, adjacent bands and sills

651 QUEEN STREET EAST

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The property at 651 Queen Street East is located on the south side of Queen Street East between the East Don Roadway and Broadview Avenue. It is part of the Smith Block, built in 1889-90, and originally a three-storey, flat-roofed building, clad in red brick, sandstone and terracotta, and including a total of nine properties (eight units and one hallway) at 639-655 Queen Street East. There is a vacant lot in the middle of the block due to the 1961 fire which destroyed the central portion including the three properties at 645, 647 (hallway) and 649 Queen Street East.

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Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the properties at 651 Queen Street East are:

- The placement, setback and orientation of the building as located within its property boundary on the south side of Queen Street
- The form and massing of this portion of the block with its three storey height
- The flat roof and raised parapets
- The brick, stone and terracotta cladding and details

On the North Elevation:

- The brick piers with stone bands marking the separation between the properties
- The store front details including:
 - o The entablature with its decorative bands and cornice
 - o The wood framing of the windows with decorative horizontal bands at the heads and piers with decorative details
 - o The entry to the upper levels with panelled door and transom light above (651A)
- At the second floor level:
 - o The paired flat-headed window openings
 - o The stone bands, sills and lintels
 - o The double-hung sash windows
- At the third floor level:
 - o The arch-headed window openings
 - o The brick arches with decorative profiles surrounding the window heads
 - o The rough-hewn stone impost blocks, adjacent bands and sills

653 QUEEN STREET EAST

The property at 653 Queen Street East, a unit in the building formerly known as the Smith Block, is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act and inclusion on

the City of Toronto Heritage Register for its cultural heritage value, and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 under all three categories of design, associative and contextual value.

Description

The property at 653 Queen Street East is located on the south side of Queen Street East between the East Don Roadway and Broadview Avenue. It is part of the Smith Block, built in 1889-90, and originally a three-storey, flat-roofed building, clad in red brick, sandstone and terracotta, and including a total of nine properties (eight units and one hallway) at 639-655 Queen Street East. There is a vacant lot in the middle of the block due to the 1961 fire which destroyed the central portion including the three properties at 645, 647 (hallway) and 649 Queen Street East.

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Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 653 Queen Street East are:

- The placement, setback and orientation of the building as located within its property boundary on the south side of Queen Street
- The form and massing of this portion of the block with its three storey height
- The flat roof and raised parapets
- The brick, stone and terracotta cladding and details

On the North Elevation:

- The brick piers with stone bands marking the separation between the properties
- The original store front details including:
 - o The entablature with its decorative bands and comice
 - o The wood framing of the windows with decorative horizontal bands at the heads and piers with decorative details
 - o The entry doors with fanlights above at 653A
- At the second floor level:
 - o The paired flat-headed window openings
 - o The stone bands, sills and lintels
- At the third floor level:
 - o The arch-headed window openings
 - o The brick arches with decorative profiles surrounding the window heads
 - o The rough-hewn stone impost blocks, adjacent bands and sills

655 QUEEN STREET EAST

The property at 655 Queen Street East, a unit in the building formerly known as the Smith Block, is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act and inclusion on the City of Toronto Heritage Register for its cultural heritage value, and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 under all three categories of design, associative and contextual value.

Description

The property at 655 Queen Street East is located on the south side of Queen Street East between the East Don Roadway and Broadview Avenue. It is part of the Smith Block, built in 1889-90, and originally a three-storey, flat-roofed building, clad in red brick, sandstone and terracotta, and including a total of nine properties (eight units and one hallway) at 639-655 Queen Street East. There is a vacant lot in the middle of the block due to the 1961 fire which destroyed the central portion including the three properties at 645, 647 (hallway) and 649 Queen Street East.

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Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property at 655 Queen Street East are:

- The placement, setback and orientation of this portion of the Smith Block building as located within its property boundary on the south side of Queen Street
- The form and massing of this portion of the block with its three storey height
- The flat roof and raised parapets
- The brick, stone and terracotta cladding and details

On the North and East Elevations of 655 Queen Street East:

• The brick piers with stone bands marking the separation between the properties and on the east elevation, the piers which create bays and steps at the cornice level as well

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as the single storey piers at the ground level supporting the wood cornice on the east elevation

- The original store front details including:
 - o The entablature with its decorative bands and cornice)
- At the second floor level:
 - o The stone bands
- At the third floor level:
 - o The two arched window heads The brick arches with decorative profiles surrounding the window heads
 - o The brick arches with decorative profiles surrounding the window heads
 - o The great brick arch with the checker board brick pattern
 - o The three terracotta panels below the windows
 - o The two circular terracotta panels outside of the great arch
 - o The rough-hewn stone sills, bands, lintel and impost blocks
 - o The corbelled brick cornice on both the north and east elevations

SCHEDULE B

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

639, 641, 643, 651, 653 and 655 Queen Street East (the Smith Block)

639 Queen Street East

PIN 21077-0111(LT)
PT LT 15 CON BROKEN FRONT TWP OF YORK AS IN CA462698

641 Queen Street East

PIN 21077-0112(LT)
PT LT 15 CON BROKEN FRONT TWP OF YORK AS IN CA753282

643 Queen Street East

PIN 21077-0113(LT)
PT LT 15 CON BROKEN FRONT TWP OF YORK PT 2 63R2775

651 Queen Street East

PIN 21077-0114(LT)
PT LT 15 CON BROKEN FRONT TWP OF YORK PT 1 63R2775

653 Queen Street East

PIN 21077-0115(LT)
PT LT 15 CON BROKEN FRONT TWP OF YORK AS IN CA635450

655 Queen Street East

PIN 21077-0116(LT)
PT LT 15 CON BROKEN FRONT TWP OF YORK AS IN CA727033

City of Toronto, Province of Ontario Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)