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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337 AND 250 DUNN AVENUE

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

To: Trustees of the Congregation of the Parkdale Presbyterian Church 250 Dunn Avenue Toronto, Ontario M6K 2R9

√ Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto has passed By-law No. 195-91 to designate the above-mentioned property to be of architectural value or interest.

Dated at Toronto this 16th day of April, 1991.

Barbara G. Caplan

City Clerk

No. 195-91. A BY-LAW

To designate the property at 250 Dunn Avenue (Parkdale Presbyterian Church) of architectural value or interest.

(Passed March 25, 1991.)

Whereas by Clause 9 of Neighbourhoods Committee Report No. 4, adopted by Council at its meeting held on March 25, 1991, authority was granted to designate the property at 250 Dunn Avenue 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 historic 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 lands and premises known as 250 Dunn Avenue and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

Whereas the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" hereto; and

Whereas no notice of objection to the said 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. There is designated as being of architectural value or interest the real property more particularly described and shown on Schedules "A" and "C" hereto, known as 250 Dunn Avenue.
- 2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property 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.

ARTHUR C. EGGLETON, *Mayor*.

BARBARA G. CAPLAN City Clerk.

Council Chamber, Toronto, March 25, 1991. (L.S.)

SCHEDULE "A"

In the City of Toronto, in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and Province of Ontario, being composed of Lots 15, 18, 19 and 22 on the west side of Dunn Avenue according to Plan 382 registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Toronto (No. 63).

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Plan SYE2465 dated March 21, 1991, as set out in Schedule "C".

SCHEDULE "B"

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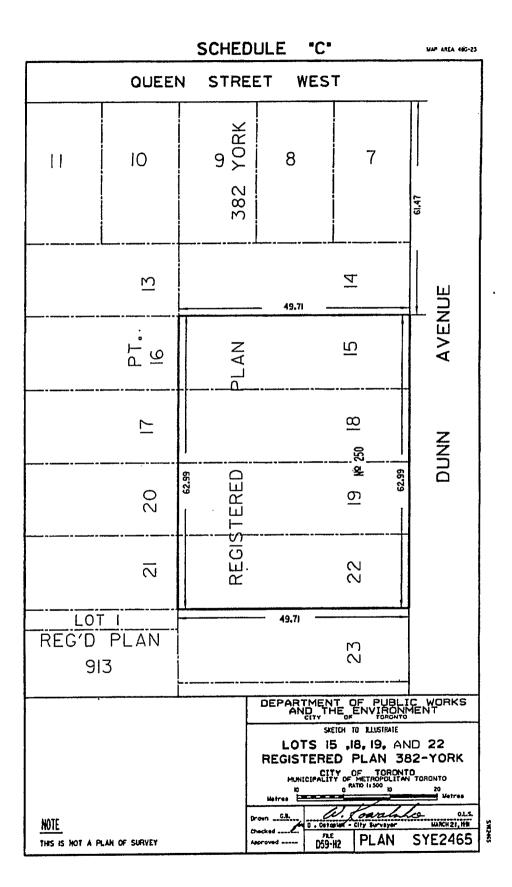
Reasons for the designation of the property at 250 Dunn Avenue (Parkdale Presbyterian Church):

The property at 250 Dunn Avenue is designated for architectural reasons. Parkdale Presbyterian Church was constructed in 1886-88, replacing an earlier church on the same site. Plans for the building were prepared by the Toronto architectural firm of Gordon and Helliwell. A Sunday School addition was designed by Darling and Pearson, Architects, in 1899. The Institute Building, a Simpson and Young design, was attached in 1910. The building was renamed Bonar-Parkdale Presbyterian Church following the amalgamation of two congregations in 1969.

Parkdale Presbyterian Church was constructed in the Gothic Revival style using buff brick with stone and brick detailing. The asymmetrical design displays pointed and compressed arch openings, hood moulds, string courses, buttresses with weatherings, and corbelled cornices. Many windows contain tracery and stained glass. Attention is focused on the principal (east) facade with its parapet gable, oversized pinnacle, and two towers with gabled frontispieces and entrances. A square truncated tower displays corner pinnacles and a date stone. A low polygonal tower with a pyramidal roof and the principal steeply-pitched gable roof (with chimneys) feature slate shingles and wooden eaves.

On the interior of the church, the auditorium plan features a raked floor, a U-shaped gallery supported on cast iron Corinthian pillars, and a vaulted, ribbed ceiling with a moulded cornice and Gothic detailing. Other important interior features are the mouldings and spiral staircases in the narthex.

Parkdale Presbyterian Church is a good example of a late Victorian Gothic Revival design. Located on the west side of Dunn Avenue near its intersection with Queen Street West, the church is a dominant feature of the street and a neighbourhood landmark.



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