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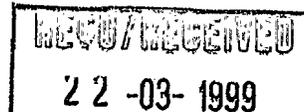
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O., 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND  
130 GERRARD STREET EAST  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

To: Jarvis Street Baptist Church  
130 Gerrard Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5A 3T4  
Attn: [REDACTED]  
Chairman of the Board of Deacons

Ontario Heritage Foundation



Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the ~~City of Toronto~~ on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1999 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 130 Gerrard Street East (Jarvis Street Baptist Church) (Downtown).

**Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation**

The property at 130 Gerrard Street East is designated for architectural and historical reasons. Jarvis Street Baptist Church was built in 1874-1875 for the successor to the first Baptist congregation in Toronto (formed in 1829). Designed by the important Toronto architectural firm of Langley, Langley and Burke, its construction was largely funded by Senator William McMaster, the prominent Toronto merchant and Baptist philanthropist.

Designed in the Gothic Revival style, Jarvis Street Baptist Church features a nearly-square plan covered by a steeply-pitched gable roof with cross-gables. Clad with mottled brownstone and trimmed with Ohio sandstone and granite, the focal point of the design is the canted tower and spire at the southwest corner of the building. The buttresses, quoins, lancet windows, pointed-arch window openings with tracery, and the gabled frontpieces with entrance portals and stone trim, are found on the south, west and north facades of the building. Important interior features are the U-shaped auditorium, with a horseshoe-shaped gallery supported on columns and a plaster ceiling with a stained-glass skylight.

Located on the northeast corner of Jarvis Street and Gerrard Street East, Jarvis Street Baptist Church is an important neighbourhood landmark. The church was the first home of the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, founded by A. S. Vogt, organist and choirmaster at Jarvis Street Baptist Church. The building is an important example of Gothic Revival styling as interpreted by the

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foremost designers of churches in the late 19<sup>th</sup> -century Ontario. The 2-storey rear (east) addition is not included in the Reasons for Designation.

Heritage Toronto's Heritage Property Report (Long Statement of Reasons for Designation) respecting the property is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Department at City Hall and the offices of Heritage Toronto.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, c/o Frances Pritchard, Administrator, Toronto Community Council, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 1999, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant fact.

Dated at Toronto this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1999.



Novina Wong  
City Clerk