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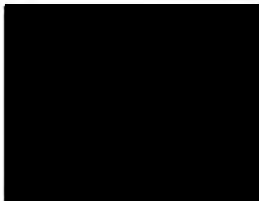
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
1183 DUFFERIN STREET**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**



Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
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**1183 Dufferin Street**

Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 1183 Dufferin Street (Dufferin Street Presbyterian Church) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**Reasons For Designation**

**Description**

The property at 1183 Dufferin Street is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under the three categories of design, associative and contextual values. Situated on the east side of Dufferin Street, north of Bloor Street West between Shanly and Hallam Streets in Dovercourt, Dufferin Street Presbyterian Church (1912) was the second church built in this location by the congregation (in existence 1908-1993). The site was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 2005.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

Dufferin Street Presbyterian Church is valued for its design as a fine representative example of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century institutional building with Neo-Gothic styling in the Dovercourt neighbourhood. Dating to the World War I era when Dufferin Street Presbyterian Church was planned, the style was particularly popular for ecclesiastical and educational buildings with its medieval-inspired detailing, including buttresses and arched openings. Dufferin Street Presbyterian Church displays the hallmarks of the style, and is particularly notable for its highly visible corner tower and chimney.

The cultural heritage value of Dufferin Street Presbyterian Church is also linked to its associations with Toronto architect W. R. Gregg. Apart from a mid-career partnership with his brother (architect



Alfred H. Gregg), Gregg oversaw a lengthy solo practice during which he produced a variety of residential, industrial and institutional buildings from the Women's Medical College in Cabbagetown (1889) to the Canadian Order of Foresters' Hall on College Street (1910). Of the more than 20 churches he designed for Presbyterian congregations in Ontario, the one at 1183 Dufferin Street is an important extant example in Toronto and followed Gregg's earlier commission for Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church (a recognized heritage property in the adjoining Dufferin Grove neighbourhood), whose parishioners assisted in establishing Dufferin Street Presbyterian Church.

Contextually, the property at 1183 Dufferin Street is valued for its historical and visual relationship to its surroundings on Dufferin Street at the west end of Dovercourt, the formerly unincorporated community that developed around Dovercourt Park prior to its annexation by the City of Toronto in 1910. Dufferin Street Presbyterian Church remains a significant surviving institutional building associated with the origins of the neighbourhood.

With its distinctive tower that is viewed on Dufferin Street and from within the Dovercourt neighbourhood, Dufferin Street Presbyterian Church is a local landmark.

### **Heritage Attributes**

The heritage attributes of the property at 1183 Dufferin Street are:

- The building known historically as Dufferin Street Presbyterian Church
- The placement, setback and orientation of the building on the site
- The asymmetrical plan that rises one extended storey above a stone foundation, with a tower at the northwest corner
- The materials, with red brick cladding and brick, stone and wood detailing
- The steeply-pitched gable roof, which was damaged by fire in January 2014
- The principal (west) facade, under the gable end of the roof where the main entrance is placed in an enclosed gable-roofed porch with extended eaves, stone coping and buttresses
- The detailing on the main entrance, where paired doors and a transom are set in a Tudor-arched opening with stone quoins and a keystone, and a lancet opening with stone detailing is placed in the apex of the gable
- The fenestration on the west wall, with a trio of oversized Tudor-arched window openings with stone detailing beneath a pair of diminutive flat-headed openings with louvers and stone lintels and sills (the portion of the wall with the paired openings was included in the Reasons for Listing (2006) and removed after the 2014 fire)
- The detailing on the square tower, with the secondary entrance on the west wall (which copies the detailing from the main entry), the pair and trio of flat-headed window openings with stone lintels and sills, the corner buttresses, the crenellated parapet, and the tall brick chimney (south)
- The side elevations (north and south) where brick buttresses with stone trim organize three-part Tudor-arched window openings

The rear (east) wall and the single-storey shed-roofed addition, are not identified as heritage attributes.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available for viewing from the City Clerk's Office.

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, Attention: Rosalind Dyers, Administrator, Toronto and East York Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of June 30, 2014, which is July 30, 2014. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

  
Ulli S. Watkiss  
City Clerk