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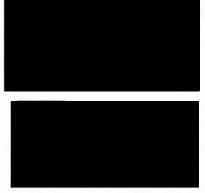
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
309-311 GEORGE STREET (ROBERT ARMSTRONG HOUSE)
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE



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

309-311 George Street (Robert Armstrong Houses)

Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 309-311 George Street (Robert Armstrong Houses) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

Description

The properties at 309 and 311 George Street are worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for their cultural heritage value, and meet the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the categories of design and contextual values. Located on the east side of George Street between Dundas Street East and Gerrard Street East, the properties contain a pair of three-storey semi-detached house form buildings (1887) constructed for Robert Armstrong.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The semi-detached house form buildings at 309 and 311 George Street have design value as well-crafted examples of late 19th century residential structures designed in the Second Empire style. The houses are typical of the style of architecture popular in the Sherbourne Street neighbourhood as it developed in the late 1800s, and exhibit the characteristic mansard roofs and decorative detailing.

Contextually, the properties at 309 and 311 George Street are historically linked to their surroundings in the neighbourhood adjoining Sherbourne Street where the former 'park lot' acquired by the prominent Allan family was subdivided for residential developments beginning in the mid 1800s. The semi-detached houses form part of a streetscape of extant 19th- and early-20th century residential buildings that includes the Thomas Meredith House at 305 George Street, which is designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the properties at 309 and 311 George Street are:

- The scale, form and massing of the three-storey house form buildings
- · The materials, with brick cladding and brick, stone and wood trim
- The mansard roofs with firebreaks, wood brackets and dormers with decorative woodwork
- The organization of the principal (west) facades as mirror images with symmetrically organized door and window openings
- The main entrances that incorporate transoms and three-quarter-length sidelights
- The round-arched window openings flanking the entries, and the flat-headed openings with brick flat arches in the second storey of each unit
- The portions of the side elevations (north and south) with buff brick cladding that are viewed from George Street.

The wings that extend eastward from the rear (east) walls of the buildings at 309 and 311 George Street are not identified as heritage attributes in the Reasons for Designation.

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

Notice of an objection to the proposed designations may be served on the City Clerk, Attention: Rosalind Dyers, Administrator, Toronto and East York Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 2nd Floor, West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of May 7, 2012, which is June 6, 2012. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 7th day of May, 2012

Ulli S. Watkiss