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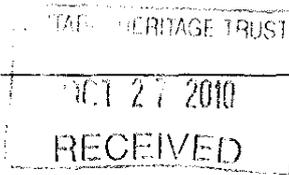
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
548 Gerrard Street East (St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse)
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

**REPEAL OF DESIGNATING BY-LAW NO. 357-2006 AND NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
DESIGNATE PART OF RIVERDALE PARK**

Bridgepoint Health
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Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to repeal City of Toronto By-law No. 357-2006 designating the property at 548 Gerrard Street East (St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, to remove the heritage designation from the property following the relocation of the St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse to Riverdale Park.

Reasons for Repeal of the Designating By-law

As the result of the approval of the Bridgepoint Health Master Plan, the land exchange between the City and Bridgepoint Health, and conditions of development approval, the St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse was relocated to the southeast quadrant of Riverdale Park in 2009. It is necessary to repeal By-law 357-2006 to remove the designation from the property on Gerrard Street East where the clubhouse was originally sited, and pass a new by-law designating the clubhouse in its new location to protect its cultural heritage values and attributes.

Notice of Intention to Designate the portion of Riverdale Park containing St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse

Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse in its new location in Riverdale Park under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Description

St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design, associative and contextual values. St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse is a 1½-storey structure that was constructed as a clubhouse and designated in its original location at 548 Gerrard Street East under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act by By-law No. 357-2006. With the relocation in 2009 of the building to Riverdale Park, St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse is being designated on its new site east of Broadview Avenue, opposite Langley Avenue.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse has historical significance as an institution of importance to the Riverdale community. Riverdale (formerly known as Don Mount and Riverside) was annexed by the City of Toronto in 1884, resulting in improved access to the area on the east side of the Don Valley. Afterward, the steady residential development of Riverdale was accompanied by recreational outlets, including St.

Matthew's Lawn Bowling Club. Purportedly founded in 1899, the organization originally occupied a site on First Avenue, taking its name from the neighbouring St. Matthew's Anglican Church. Following its incorporation in 1905, the club occupied a clubhouse in Riverdale Park near the northeast corner of Gerrard Street East and St. Matthew's Road. While club records include a photograph dating the building to 1906, it was first recorded in city directories and assessment rolls in 1925. The club remained in operation until 2007. Two years later, the building was moved to a site east of Broadview Avenue, opposite Langley Avenue, which was the historical setting of the House of Refuge (1870-94), the forerunner to Riverdale Hospital (now Bridgepoint Health).

St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse has design value as a rare surviving example in Toronto of a clubhouse specifically commissioned for lawn bowling. Club records suggest that the design originated in the City Architect's office. With its horizontal frame cladding and wrap-around verandah, the clubhouse resembles a seasonal cottage similar to those found in the Beach neighbourhood of the city and on the Toronto Islands.

Contextually, St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse is a local landmark in Riverdale Park, northwest of Gerrard Street East and Broadview Avenue. Originally situated west of the Don Jail, in 2009 the building was relocated to Riverdale Park where it continues to overlook the Don Valley. St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse contributes to the Riverdale neighbourhood where it joins a range of significant heritage buildings, among them the iconic Don Jail (1859-64) with the Governor's House and Gatehouse, the Riverdale Library (1910), and the series of late 19th and early 20th century institutional and house form buildings along Broadview Avenue.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property containing St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse are:

- The clubhouse building
- The scale, form and massing of the 1½-storey rectangular plan
- The wood frame construction, clad with horizontal wood siding and featuring wood detailing
- The gable roof, with ventilators on the gable ends (east and west), a centre gable on the north façade, and a tall brick chimney on the south
- The entrances, where paired doors are placed in flat-headed surrounds on the north (two sets) and east (single entry) elevations
- The fenestration, with double sash windows in flat-headed openings
- The single-storey wraparound verandah with a hipped roof that covers the east and north sides of the building
- The verandah detailing, with wood posts, brackets, balustrade and latticework screens, and brick piers
- The position of the building in Riverdale Park, east of Broadview Avenue and opposite Langley Avenue, where the principal (north) façade and the west elevation overlook the Don Valley, with the east elevation facing Broadview Avenue

Notice of an objection to the proposed repeal of designating by-law No. 357-2006 or to the proposed designation of part of Riverdale Park containing St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse 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, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the date of publication of this notice on the City's website, which is November 24, 2010. The notice of objection must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 25th day of October, 2010

Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk