

292 Main Street: a triumph for heritage preservation!



[East elevation, 2018?](#)



South and east elevations, January 30, 2021.
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The heritage building that has stood for more than 130 years on the west side of Main Street between Danforth and Stephenson avenues has been preserved, thanks to the initial efforts of TBETHS, the hard work of city staff in Heritage Preservation Services, the support of elected officials, and the goodwill and cooperation of private developers.

“A rare example of an Ontario Cottage style house-form building in the area”, the building was constructed in 1887 by Donald George Stevenson, one of East Toronto’s most important early residents. Threatened with demolition, it will be relocated slightly north and east, and incorporated into a new 27-storey tower to be constructed at what is now 276-296 Main Street.



East elevation in relationship to new building to be constructed
[ERA Architects](#), 2020

292 Main Street – Key Preservation Events and Documents

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- 2018 June 25 The Beach and East Toronto Historical Society submitted a nomination to Heritage Preservation Services. 292 Main Street, Toronto: its history and architecture. Prepared by Barbara Myrvold. [Read submission](#)
- 2020 July 2 Toronto Preservation Board adopted without amendment [Item PB15.8](#) “Inclusion on the City of Toronto’s Heritage Register, Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, Alterations to a Heritage Property and Authority to Enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement - 292 Main Street”
- Background information
- [March 9, 2020 REVISED Report and Attachments 1-6 from the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning](#)
- [July 2, 2020 Presentation from the Heritage Planner, Heritage Preservation, Urban Design, City Planning](#)
- Communications
- June 29, 2020 Submission from Evan Manning, Project Planner, ERA Architects Inc. ([PB.Supp.PB15.8.1](#))
- 2020 July 29 City of Toronto Council enacted and passed [CITY OF TORONTO BY-LAW 935-2020](#) To designate the property at 292 Main Street as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
- City of Toronto Council enacted and passed [CITY OF TORONTO BY-LAW 660-2020](#) To provide for the entering into of a heritage easement agreement for the conservation of the property known municipally as 292 Main Street.
- 2020 Dec. 18 City of Toronto Council enacted and passed [By-Law 1146-2020](#) To amend By-law 935-2020, being a by-law to designate the property at 292 Main Street as being of cultural heritage value or interest, to correct a technical error.
- City of Toronto Council enacted By-Law 1147-2020 To amend By-law [1043-2020](#), being a by-law to amend By-law 660-2020, to enter into a heritage easement agreement for the conservation of the property known municipally as 292 Main Street, to correct a technical error.

Newspaper articles

- “City moves to finalize Heritage Designation for Main Street cottage built in 1887” [Beach Metro News, 7 October 2020](#)
- “Main Street house built in 1887 added to Toronto’s Heritage Property List” [Beach Metro News, 29 December 2020](#)
- Dave LeBlanc. “Heritage buildings offer nostalgic salve.” [Globe and Mail, 29 January 2021](#)