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Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council Report 3, Clause 10, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on April 25, 26 and 27, 2006 and Toronto and East York Community Council Item 31.9, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on February 22 and 23, 2010  
Enacted by Council: August 27, 2010

**CITY OF TORONTO**

**BY-LAW No. 1051-2010**

**To designate the properties at 414-418 Church Street (Stephen Murphy Houses and Store) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.**

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the properties at 414-418 Church Street (Stephen Murphy Houses and Store) as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures located thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as 414-418 Church Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to designate the properties and has caused the Notice of Intention to be posted on the City's web site for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, § 162-4, Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS a notice of objection dated June 29, 2006 was served upon the Clerk of the City; and

WHEREAS the objection has been withdrawn and City Council has approved revised reasons for designation; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The properties at 414-418 Church Street, more particularly described in Schedule "B" and shown on Schedule "C" attached to this by-law are designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The City Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "B" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.

3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the properties at 414-418 Church Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be posted on the City's web site for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, § 162-4, Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 27th day of August, A.D. 2010.

DAVID R. MILLER,  
Mayor

ULLI S. WATKISS  
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

**SCHEDULE "A"****REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**Description

The properties at 414-418 Church Street are recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for their cultural heritage value or interest. Located on the southwest corner of Church Street and Granby Street one block south of Carlton Street, tax assessment rolls indicate that the three-part complex was under construction in September 1891 with two house form buildings adjoining a commercial unit.

Cultural Heritage Value

The cultural heritage value of the Stephen Murphy Houses and Store is related to their Second Empire design, popularized in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and identified by the mansard roof.

The cultural heritage value of the properties is also linked to their contribution to the evolution of the Church Street neighbourhood as the centre of gay culture in Toronto. Beginning in the early 1990s, the buildings were occupied by the Barn and Stables, a popular gay nightclub.

The context of the properties contributes to their cultural heritage value. The Stephen Murphy Houses and Store are prominent local features and visible corner buildings that, in appearance and scale, relate to the adjoining residential neighbourhood along Granby Street and McGill Street.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of properties at 414-418 Church Street are:

- The building that is known historically as the Stephen Murphy Houses and Store.
- The scale, form and massing.
- Above the first storey, the brick cladding and trim (currently painted).
- The mansard roof with the firebreak wall (south) and corbelled brickwork.
- On the east, the pair of gabled dormers with Palladian windows and decorative shingles.
- The three-storey corner tower (its roof has been altered) with the chamfered northeast corner, the first-floor entrance, and the decorative brickwork in the upper stories.
- The cornices that extend across the tower and north façade.
- On the principal east (facing Church Street) and north (facing Granby Street) facades, the ratio of window openings to wall in the first floor (which has been reclad).
- On the east and north facades, the second-storey fenestration where some of the flat-headed window openings have transoms.
- The third-floor fenestration on the tower and north facade, with round-arched window openings with corbelled sills, elaborate brick hood moulds and keystones.

The south and rear (west) walls of the complex are not included in the Reasons for Designation.

**SCHEDULE "B"**

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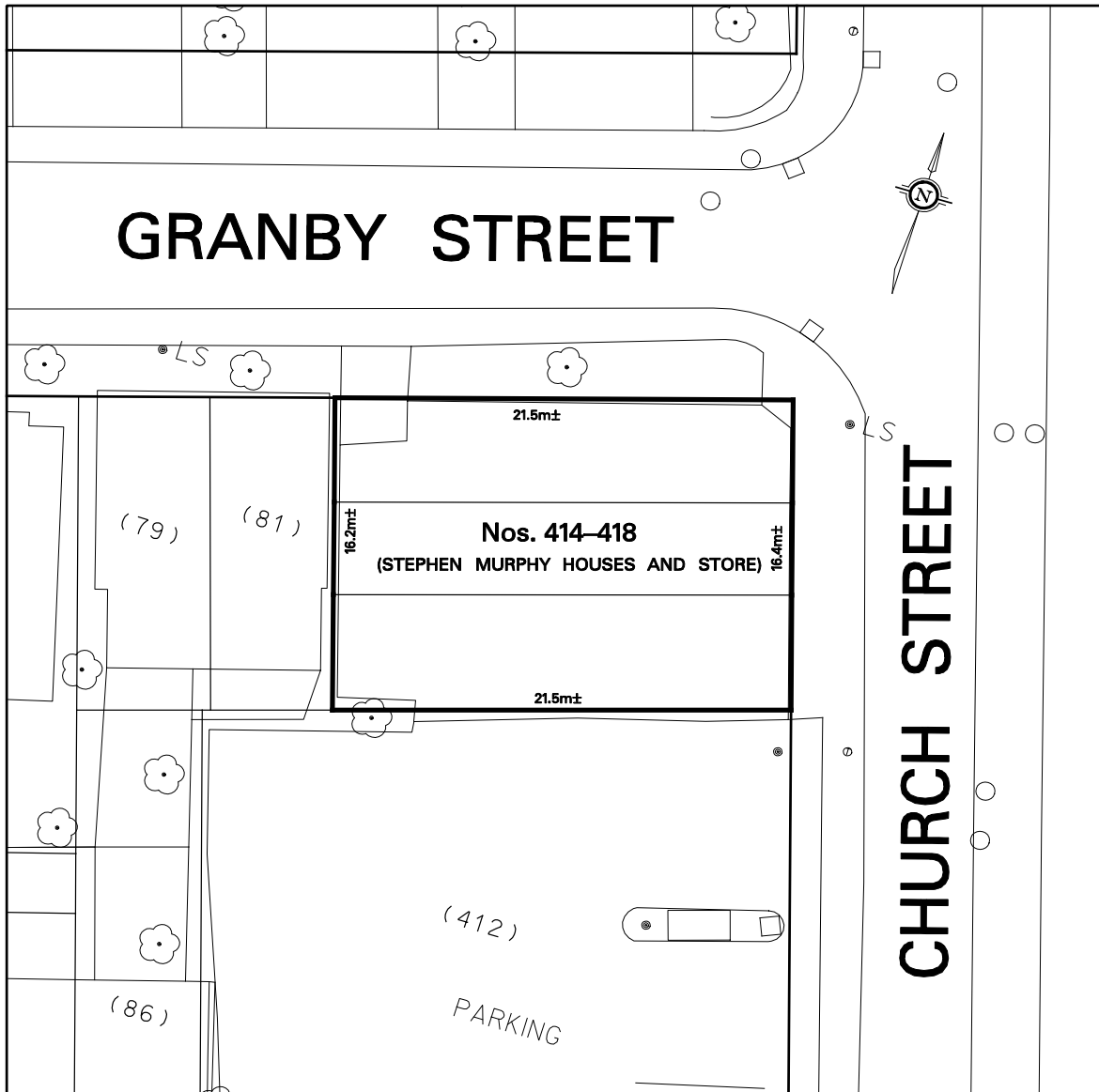
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City of Toronto and Province of Ontario

Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2006-090 dated June 10, 2006, as set out in Schedule "C".

SCHEDULE "C"



**Toronto**

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION  
SURVEY & MAPPING SERVICES

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THIS SKETCH IS NOT  
A PLAN OF SURVEY  
AND HAS BEEN COMPILED  
FROM SURVEY NOTES AND  
OFFICE RECORDS, IT SHALL  
NOT BE USED EXCEPT FOR  
THE PURPOSE INDICATED  
IN THE TITLE BLOCK

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

Nos. 414-418 CHURCH STREET  
(STEPHEN MURPHY HOUSES AND STORE)  
LAND DESIGNATED AS BEING OF  
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST

(NOT TO SCALE)

WARD 27 - TORONTO CENTRE-ROSEDALE

DATE: JUNE 10, 2006

SKETCH No. PS-2006-090