Character Area 37
Around Park Place

This area south of Westmount Park is most characterized by its apartment houses, both those built after the First War and those built in recent years. The buildings around Academy Road and Park Place form one of the most coherent and pleasing groupings in terms of height, massing and style. The neo-Tudor style, the most popular one during the decades between the wars, was used for almost all of the older buildings. The grassy curvilinear intersection of Ste-Catherine Street and Landowne Avenue along with the Glen Bridge (1892) adds a picturesque touch, now somewhat overshadowed by the recently built highrise apartment building.
Defining characteristics of Character Area 37
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The following are some of the key defining characteristics applying to the whole area.

*Use and typology:* Almost all are apartment buildings and public buildings.

*Siting:* Almost all buildings are sited parallel to the street (in the case of rectilinear streets) and on any given street are almost all set back equally from the streetline (anywhere between 1.5 - 4.5 m depending on the street).

*Heights and frontages:* Almost all buildings are two to four floors high. The apartment buildings are almost all three floors high. The frontages are quite varied, nevertheless, almost half of the buildings have frontages 28.0 - 41.0 m wide.

*Roofs:* The roofs are flat, almost always with slightly articulated parapets (generally over bay window projections).

*Facade materials:* All building facades are in brick with exposed stone foundations.

*Entrances conditions:* Almost all entrances are at the front, the heights of which vary considerably and which are reached by steps perpendicular to the street.

*Facade treatments:* The facades (especially the apartment buildings) almost always have stone inlaid in the facades, especially around the window and door openings and at cornices. Bay windows and similar projections are also always present in the apartment buildings.

*Windows:* Windows are almost always vertical, either in vertical openings or grouped in square or horizontal openings. Almost all buildings originally had double-hung windows; about 10% have since been replaced by casements or sliders. Virtually all of the older apartment buildings still retain their original double-hung windows along with the original muntins.

*Parking:* Indoor parking is usually provided in the apartment buildings. Other buildings provide exterior parking areas accessible from the street which are, almost all, well concealed from the street.