



TORONTO STAFF REPORT

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To: Toronto Preservation Board
North York Community Council

From: Joe Halstead, Commissioner Economic Development, Culture and Tourism

Subject: 1144 Lawrence Avenue West (Lawrence Pumping Station) - Inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties
Eglinton-Lawrence - Ward 15

Purpose:

This report recommends that the property at 1144 Lawrence Avenue West (Lawrence Pumping Station) be included on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council include the property at 1144 Lawrence Avenue West (Lawrence Pumping Station) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

Urban Development Services have requested staff assess the City owned property at 1144 Lawrence Avenue West for its heritage value. Staff have evaluated the property and determined that it merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties

Comments:

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2A and 2B) are attached.

Reasons for Listing

The property at 1144 Lawrence Avenue West (Lawrence Pumping Station and Reservoir) is recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural resource value or interest. Located on the north side of Lawrence Avenue, east of Caledonia Road, the pumping station is an excellent example of architectural design with elements recalling the earlier Art Deco style. The building was constructed between 1958-1959 for the Metro Toronto Water Department in the adjoining Caledonia Park. Still active today, the Lawrence Pumping Station is the central hub of west operations.

The heritage attributes are comprised of the exterior walls, roof and two sculptural elements which resemble fountains. Under a flat roof, this one and two storey building is clad in limestone and sits upon a black granite base. The granite base is approximately one metre high. The pattern on the building consists of alternating rows of square and rectangular stones. Around the top of the building is a simple stone cornice.

On the south elevation, the fenestration consists of five evenly spaced, vertically rectangular window openings. Each of the window openings is framed in limestone. On either side of the fenestration, is ornamental corbeling in the form of four squares. At the west end of the south elevation is the main entrance to the building. The double glass doors are bound by panes of glass on either side and a large tripartite transom above. Surrounding the entrance is a limestone and granite hood mould.

In front of the ornamental corbeling on the south elevation are two identical sculptural elements which resemble fountains. The sculptural elements are made of limestone and sit on granite clad plynths. The sculptures consist of a bowl at the base which is wide and shallow and a mini stone obelisk in the centre, which is decorated with a sculptural owl on top.

On the west elevation, the fenestration consists of three window openings; two on the ground floor and the third on the second floor (directly above the ground floor south window). In the centre of the elevation, partially below ground level, is a door.

The north elevation is a single storey, with a fenestration which consists of six evenly spaced window openings. Each of the window openings is framed with limestone surrounds.

On the east elevation, the fenestration consists of a single window, centred on the façade of the single storey portion to the north. The south portion of the elevation is two storeys, with a large loading door. The loading door is sheltered by a projecting roof, which extends from the single storey portion to the north, across the east elevation to the south.

Conclusions:

It is recommended that City Council include the property at 1144 Lawrence Avenue West (Lawrence Pumping Station) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

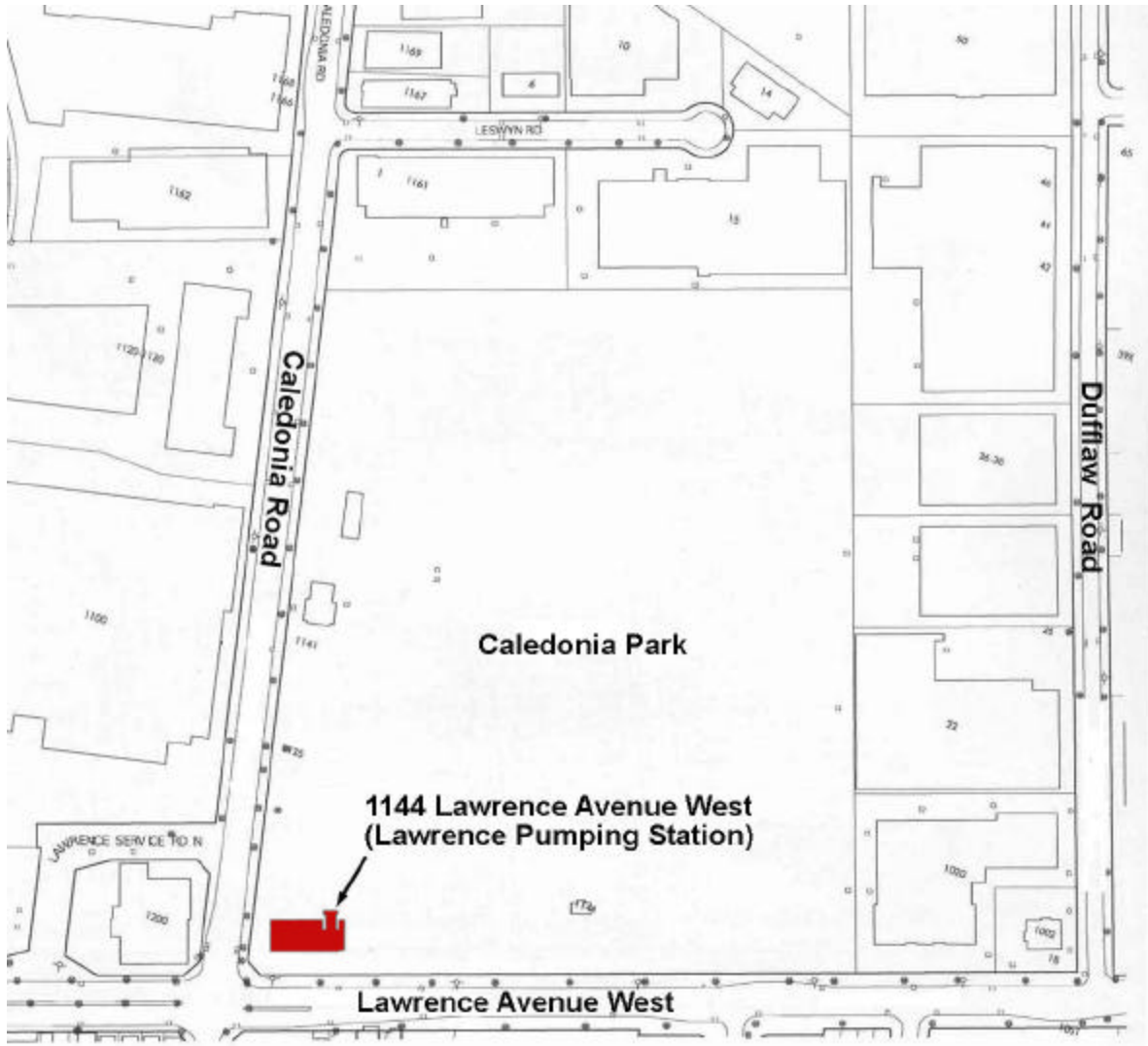
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List of Attachments:

Attachment No. 1 – Location Map
Attachment No. 2A – Photographs
Attachment No. 2B – Photographs



Location map – 1144 Lawrence Avenue West (Lawrence Pumping Station)



1144 Lawrence Avenue West (Lawrence Pumping Station) – south elevation



1144 Lawrence Avenue West (Lawrence Pumping Station) – west elevation



1144 Lawrence Avenue West (Lawrence Pumping Station) – Sculptural elements resembling fountains