

Consolidated Clause in Toronto and East York Community Council Report 8, which was considered by City Council on October 26, 27 and 28, 2004.

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**Inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage
Properties - 351 Lake Shore Boulevard East
(Victory Soya Mills Silos)
(Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28)**

City Council on October 26, 27 and 28, 2004, adopted this Clause without amendment.

The Toronto and East York Community Council recommends that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 9, 2004) from the Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:

Purpose:

This report recommends that Council include the property at 351 Lake Shore Boulevard East (Victory Soya Mills Silos) 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) Council include the property at 351 Lake Shore Boulevard East (Victory Soya Mills Silos) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.
- (2) The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

Including the property on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties will allow staff to monitor any applications affecting the property.

Staff have been involved in the discussions surrounding the City's revitalization of Toronto's Central Waterfront. The surviving Silos at the Victory Soya Mills on Lake Shore Boulevard East near the foot of Parliament Street have been identified as an important heritage feature along the waterfront.

With the Canada Malting complex at 5 Bathurst Street, the Victory Soya Mills Silos are the only surviving examples of this rare building type along Toronto's Waterfront. Staff recommend that Council include the property on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties to ensure that the preservation of the Silos is considered in any future redevelopment of the area.

Comments:

Reasons for Listing:

The property at 351 Lake Shore Boulevard East is recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural resource value or interest. The Victory Soya Mills Silos are the surviving portion of an industrial complex that was constructed from 1944 to 1948 on the south side of Lake Shore Boulevard East near the foot of Parliament Street. To assist the Canadian government during World War II, the famed Toronto industrialist E.P. Taylor formed Sunsoy Products Limited as a subsidiary of Canadian Breweries. T. G. Ferguson, Chief Engineer for Canadian Breweries Limited, designed a manufacturing facility for the extraction and procession of oil-bearing materials to alleviate the shortage of oils and fats and produce high quality edible flours. The demolition of the other buildings on the site began in 1991.

The Victory Soya Mills Silos are historically important for their contribution to the development of the soybean industry in Canada, and their role in facilitating the expansion of the harbour as an important Great Lakes port prior to the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Architecturally significant as a rare surviving example of this type of industrial structure in Toronto, the heritage attributes of the Victory Soya Mills Silo consist of the series of cylindrical reinforced concrete silos that remain a landmark along Toronto's Central Waterfront.

Conclusions:

It is recommended that Council include the property at 351 Lake Shore Boulevard East (Victory Soya Mills Silos) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

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(Copies of the attachment(s) referred to in the report were forwarded to all Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council with the agenda for its meeting on October 12, 2004, and copies are on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

The Toronto and East York Community Council also submits the communication (September 23, 2004) from the Toronto Preservation Board:

Recommendation:

The Toronto Preservation Board recommended to the Toronto and East York Community Council that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 9, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

Background:

The Toronto Preservation Board at its meeting held on September 23, 2004, considered a report (September 9, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism regarding 351 Lake Shore Boulevard East (Victory Soya Mills Silos).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council include the property at 351 Lake Shore Boulevard East (Victory Soya Mills Silos) 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.

The Toronto Preservation Board also received a communication (September 22, 2004) from Christopher J. Williams, Aird & Berlis, LL.P, in opposition to inclusion of the property at 351 Lake Shore Boulevard East on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

George Zajac, Aird & Berlis LL.P, appeared before the Toronto Preservation Board.