



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**19 and 23 Jason Road – Intention to Designate, Part IV,  
*Ontario Heritage Act***

<b>Date:</b>	February 1, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Toronto Preservation Board Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division
<b>Wards:</b>	Etobicoke North – Ward 1
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

**SUMMARY**

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This report recommends that, following consultation with the Toronto Preservation Board, City Council state its intention to designate the properties at 19 and 23 Jason Road under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The properties are listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

The properties contain two early 19<sup>th</sup> century house form buildings together known as “Elm Bank” that are among the earliest surviving examples of residential architecture in Toronto and reflect the historical development of Etobicoke. The owner supports the proposed designation, which would enable the properties to qualify for the Toronto Heritage Grant Program.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**The City Planning Division recommends that**

1. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 19 Jason Road (Elm Bank, circa 1834) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
2. City Council state its intention to designate the properties at 23 Jason Road (Elm Bank, pre-1820) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
3. If there are no objections to the designation in accordance with Section 26(6) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the solicitor be authorized to introduce the Bills in Council designating the property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

4. If there are objections in accordance with Section 29(7) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the Clerk be directed to refer the proposed designation to the Conservation Review Board; and
5. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto.

### **Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. The cost of publishing the notice of intention to designate in the daily newspaper is included in the 2007 Policy and Research budget.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The owner of the adjoining properties at 19 and 23 Jason Road supports the proposed designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The properties contain two houses, which have been in the owner's family since the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The buildings were once connected, but are now located on separate lots. The proposed designation of the properties would enable the owner to qualify for financial incentives from the City of Toronto, including restoration grants.

The properties are listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. E.R.A. Architects Inc., heritage consultants, has submitted the research material used in the preparation of the Reasons for Designation.

### **COMMENTS**

The properties at 19 and 23 Jason Road are worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for their cultural heritage value or interest, and meet the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario. A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached.

The following Statement of Reasons for Designation is intended for publication according to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The Reasons for Designation are attached (Attachments No. 3 and 4) and include statements of the cultural heritage value of each property with a description of its heritage attributes. The complete Reasons for Designation will be served on the property owner and the Ontario Heritage Trust and included in the designating by-law.

## **Reasons for Designation**

The properties at 19 and 23 Jason Road are recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for their cultural heritage value or interest. The circa 1834 Regency Cottage at 19 Jason Road and the pre-1820 house form building at 23 Jason Road are together known as “Elm Bank.” Once attached but now on separate lots, the houses were occupied by John Grubb, a historically important figure in the development of Etobicoke, and his descendants. The buildings are also architecturally and contextually significant as early and rare surviving examples of residential architecture with stone construction, and local landmarks overlooking the West Branch of the Humber River.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1: Location Map  
Attachment No. 2: Photographs  
Attachment No. 3: Reasons for Designation, 19 Jason Road  
Attachment No. 4: Reasons for Designation, 23 Jason Road