

211 Laird Drive – Inclusion on Heritage Inventory

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To:	North York Community Council and Toronto Preservation Board
From:	Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division
Wards:	Don Valley West – Ward 26
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SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council include the property at 211 Laird Drive (Pease Foundry Company Building) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

The inclusion of the property on the City's heritage inventory would enable staff to monitor the site and encourage the retention of its heritage attributes in any proposed development.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council include the property at 211 Laird Drive (Pease Foundry Company Building) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties; and
2. 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.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of March 27, 2007, North York Community Council considered a preliminary report on a zoning application for 211 Laird Drive that would result in the replacement of the current building with a single-storey commercial structure. The North York Community Council passed a recommendation that Preservation Services staff report to the next Community Council meeting on May 1, 2007 as to whether the existing building is worthy of recognition or preservation on the grounds of historical or architectural significance.

At its meeting of April 5, 2007, the Toronto Preservation Board requested that staff report to the North York Community Council on May 1, 2007 on the significance of the property. This report will be considered by the Toronto Preservation Board at its meeting scheduled for May 11, 2007.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

City Planning staff have researched and evaluated the property at 211 Laird Drive and determined that it merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. The inclusion of the property on the City's heritage inventory would enable staff to monitor any changes to the site and encourage the retention of its heritage attributes.

COMMENTS

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached. The Reasons for Listing (Attachment No. 3) outline the cultural heritage value and heritage attributes of the property.

The property at 211 Laird Drive merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural heritage value as a representative example of an office and factory building designed in the Art Moderne style that contributes to the character of Laird Drive as it developed in the industrial sector of Leaside.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Location Map
Attachment No. 2: Photographs
Attachment No. 3: Reasons for Listing