

TORONTO STAFF REPORT

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To: Toronto Preservation Board
Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Policy & Research, City Planning Division

Subject: 401 Richmond Street West (Macdonald Manufacturing Company Buildings) -
Inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties
Trinity-Spadina - Ward 20

Purpose:

This report recommends that City Council include the property at 401 Richmond Street West (Macdonald Manufacturing Company Buildings) 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 401 Richmond Street West (Macdonald Manufacturing Company Buildings) 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:

Staff have evaluated the property at 401 Richmond Street West (Macdonald Manufacturing Company Buildings) and determined that it merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural heritage value or interest.

Now known as “401 Richmond,” the complex is an important example of the adaptive reuse of industrial buildings into a cultural centre for artists. The inclusion of the property on the City’s

heritage inventory would enable staff to monitor any proposed changes to the buildings and encourage the retention of their heritage attributes.

Comments:

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

As described in the Reasons for Listing (Attachment No. 3), the property at 401 Richmond Street West is recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural heritage value or interest. Located on the south side of Richmond Street West, east of Spadina Avenue, the Macdonald Manufacturing Company Buildings (1899-1923) have architectural and contextual significance as a representative example of a late 19th and early 20th century industrial complex that remains a prominent feature in the King-Spadina neighbourhood where it has been converted into a cultural centre for artists.

Conclusions:

It is recommended that City Council include the property at 401 Richmond Street West (Macdonald Manufacturing Company Buildings) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

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List of Attachments:

Attachment No. 1- Location Map (401 Richmond Street West)
Attachment No. 2 - Photographs (401 Richmond Street West)
Attachment No. 3 - Reasons for Listing (401 Richmond Street West)