



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

185 Beta Street – Withdrawal of Notice of Intention to Designate, Part IV, Section 29, Ontario Heritage Act

Date:	September 19, 2008
To:	Toronto Preservation Board Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division
Wards:	Etobicoke-Lakeshore – Ward 6
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council withdraw its Notice of Intention to Designate the property at 185 Beta Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The property owner appealed the proposed designation to the Conservation Review Board, which recommended that City Council not pursue the protection of the buildings.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that

1. City Council withdraw its Notice of Intention to Designate the property at 185 Beta Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Financial Impact

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of July 25, 26 and 27, 2006, City Council stated its Intention to Designate the property at 185 Beta Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The property owner appealed the proposed designation to the Conservation Review Board (CRB).

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The property at 185 Beta Street was listed on Etobicoke's heritage inventory prior to amalgamation. The site contains the surviving wings of a mid-19th century house form building named Ashfield, which was associated with the Horner family in the Alderwood neighbourhood of south Etobicoke. The original house was demolished in the 1960s and replaced by an infill structure.

COMMENTS

The Conservation Review Board convened a hearing on February 26, 2008 where City staff offered testimony in support of the proposed designation. The CRB's decision, dated March 29, 2008, is found at:

<http://www.crb.gov.on.ca/stellent/idcplg/webdav/Contribution%20Folders/crb/content/Hearing%20Report%20185%20Beta%20St%20Toronto%20Report%20Mar%2029%202008.pdf>

The Conservation Review Board determined that "based on the evidence heard, the Board is of the opinion that the proposed statement of cultural heritage value or interest and the description of the heritage attributes (Reasons for Designation) lacks credibility. For this reason, the Board recommends that the Council of the City of Toronto not proceed with the protection of the property known as 185 Beta Street (Ashfield, Horner residence) under s.29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18, as amended in 2006." Heritage Preservation Services staff reluctantly agree with the CRB's findings.

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and Photographs (Attachment No. 2) of the property at 185 Beta Street are attached.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Location Map
Attachment No. 2: Photographs