



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### 129 St. Clair Avenue West – Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act

<b>Date:</b>	September 3, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto Preservation Board Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division
<b>Wards:</b>	St. Paul's – Ward 22
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### SUMMARY

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This report recommends that City Council state its intention to designate the property at 129 St. Clair Avenue West under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The property, which contains Deer Park United Church, was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties on January 29 and 30, 2008.

Representatives of the Trustees of Deer Park United Church have advised staff that they are in the process of selling the property. There are concerns in the community about the potential redevelopment of the site.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**The City Planning Division recommends that:**

1. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 129 St. Clair Avenue West (Deer Park United Church) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act;
2. If there are no objections to the proposed designation in accordance with Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Solicitor be authorized to introduce the Bills in Council designating the property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act;

3. 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.

### **Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. The public Notice of Intention to Designate will be advertised on the City's web site in accordance with the City of Toronto Act provisions.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

City Council included the property at 129 St. Clair Avenue West on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties on January 29 and 30, 2008. The site was one of eight properties from the St. Clair Avenue West Church Survey that were listed at that time. The inclusion of the property at 129 St. Clair Avenue West on the City's heritage inventory enabled staff to monitor any changes to the site and encourage the retention of its heritage values and attributes.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The property at 129 St. Clair Avenue West is listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. The Trustees of Deer Park United Church are in the process of selling the property and there are concerns in the local community about the potential redevelopment of the site. The proposed designation would enable City Council to refuse any application to demolish the church.

### **COMMENTS**

The property at 129 St. Clair Avenue West is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario. Deer Park United Church was completed in 1912 on the southeast corner of St. Clair Avenue West and Foxbar Road, east of Avenue Road. With its Neo-Gothic styling and distinctive corner tower, the church is an institution of importance in the Deer Park community where it is a local landmark.

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached. The Reasons for Designation (Attachment No. 3) are intended to be posted on the City of Toronto's web site and served on the property owner and the Ontario Heritage Trust according to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act. The Reasons for Designation include a statement of the cultural heritage value of the property with a description of its heritage attributes.

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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