



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

93 Gloucester Street – Designation, Part IV, Section 29, Ontario Heritage Act

Date:	September 15, 2008
To:	Toronto Preservation Board Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale – Ward 27
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council state its intention to designate the property at 93 Gloucester Street (Joseph Sparrow House) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The property was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1979.

City Council has approved the awarding of a grant from the 2008 Toronto Heritage Grant Program to assist in funding restoration work for the property at 93 Gloucester Street. To receive the grant, the owner has agreed to the designation of the property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 93 Gloucester Street (Joseph Sparrow House) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act;
2. If there are no objections to the 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; and

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

At its meeting of September 24 and 25, 2008, City Council approved the awards for the 2008 Toronto Heritage Grant Program, which funds restoration work for properties designated under Parts IV and V of the Ontario Heritage Act. The owner of the property at 93 Gloucester Street was awarded \$10,000 toward the restoration of the front porch, gables and windows.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

To receive funding from the Toronto Heritage Grant Program, a property must be designated under Part IV or V of the Ontario Heritage Act. The owner of the property at 93 Gloucester Street has agreed to the designation of the site, and has provided information to assist in the preparation of the Reasons for Designation.

COMMENTS

The property at 93 Gloucester Street 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. Located on the south side of Gloucester Street, between Church Street and Jarvis Street, the Joseph Sparrow House (1888) is a well-designed late 19th century house form building that supports the residential character of the street where many of the properties are recognized on the City's heritage inventory.

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photograph (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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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Location Map
Attachment No. 2: Photograph
Attachment No. 3: Reasons for Designation