



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

2822 Keele Street – Designation, Part IV, Section 29, Ontario Heritage Act

Date:	November 8, 2007
To:	Toronto Preservation Board Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division
Wards:	York Centre – Ward 9
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council state its intention to designate the property at 2822 Keele Street (Downsview United Church) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The property is listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

Downsview United Church is one of only three surviving 19th century properties in Downsview included on the City's heritage inventory. The proposed designation of the site would enable the property owners to qualify for restoration grants from the Toronto Heritage Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that

1. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 2822 Keele Street (Downsview United Church) 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 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 for which there is an objection 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.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The property at 2822 Keele Street is listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. Staff have evaluated the property and determined that it meets the provincial criteria for municipal designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

With the George Jackson House at 2950 Keele Street and the John Perkins Bull House at 450 Rustic Road, Downsview United Church is one of only three surviving 19th century heritage properties in Downsview that are included on the City's heritage inventory. In 2006, City Council stated its intention to designate the property at 2950 Keele Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The recognition and protection of Downsview's remaining heritage resources will assist in the revitalization of the community. The proposed designation of the property at 2822 Keele Street would enable the property owners to qualify for restoration grants from the Toronto Heritage Grant Program.

COMMENTS

The property at 2822 Keele 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 west side of Keele Street, north of Wilson Avenue, Downsview United Church (1870) is a well-crafted example of the Gothic Revival style, an institution of importance to the community, and a local landmark.

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photograph (Attachment No. 2) are attached. The Reasons for Designation are intended to be posted on the City of Toronto's web site and served on the owner of the property 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: Photographs
Attachment No. 3: Reasons for Designation