

October 24, 2008

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Toronto Preservation Board

Subject: 550 Gerrard Street East (Old Don Jail) – Refusal of Alterations to a Designated Heritage Property with a Heritage Easement Agreement

Recommendations:

The Toronto Preservation Board recommended to the Toronto and East York Community Council that recommendations in the report (October 10, 2008) from the Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division, be adopted subject to the following amendments:

1. Recommendation 1 be deleted and replaced with the following:

“1. City Council approve the request by for alteration to the designated Old Don Jail Building (550 Gerrard Street East) by Bridgepoint Health to permit the permanent removal of iron bars from selected windows on the south section of the central pavilion as illustrated on Attachment 3a and 3c with the modification that the iron bars on the five windows surrounding the entrance door on the south façade of the central pavilion will be retained and restored subject to applicable safety requirements.”

2. Recommendation 2 be amended by deleting the words “Attachment Nos. 3b and 3d” and inserting the words “Attachment Nos. 3b, 3c and 3d”, so Recommendation 2 now reads:

“2. City Council approve the request for alteration to the designated Old Don Jail building (550 Gerrard Street East) made by Bridgepoint Health to permit the permanent removal of iron bars from selected windows on the north section of the central pavilion as illustrated on Attachment Nos. 3b, 3c and 3d.”

3. Recommendation 3 be amended to read:

“3. City Council authorize amendment to the Heritage Easement Agreement between the Owner and the City, dated March 25, 2002, as follows and to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor:

- a. **amend Schedule “F” (“Permitted Alterations”) to reflect that removal of iron bars from windows on the central pavilion is a permitted alteration to the extent contemplated in Recommendations No. 1 and 2 above; and**
 - b. **amend associated provisions of Schedule “E” (“Heritage Conservation Principles”) to reflect that the owner’s intent with respect to the use of the various parts of the Building as having been clarified and no further review is required in connection with reinstatement of iron bars on the windows of the central pavilion .”**
- 4. City Council authorize City officials to take all necessary action to give effect to the foregoing, including execution of any necessary agreement satisfactory to the City Solicitor.**

Background:

The Toronto Preservation Board on October 23, 2008, considered the report (October 10, 2008) from the Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division.

The following persons addressed the Toronto Preservation Board:

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City Clerk

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