



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### 166 Beaconsfield Avenue – Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act

<b>Date:</b>	February 4, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Toronto Preservation Board Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director of Policy and Research, City Planning Division
<b>Wards:</b>	Davenport - Ward 18
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### SUMMARY

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The owner of the property at 166 Beaconsfield Avenue has requested the designation of the property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The property contains a late 19<sup>th</sup> century residential building that meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario.

The property owner has been restoring the heritage attributes of the property since 2001. The proposed designation of the site will enable the owner to qualify for the Toronto Heritage Grant Program, which funds restoration work.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**The City Planning Division recommends that:**

1. City Council include the property at 166 Beaconsfield Avenue (George Barrett House) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties;
2. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 166 Beaconsfield Avenue (George Barrett House) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act;
3. 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;

4. 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.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The property owner has requested the designation of the property at 166 Beaconsfield Avenue under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act and provided research information to assist in the preparation of the Reasons for Designation.

The property owner has been restoring the heritage attributes of the site since 2001. The proposed designation would enable the owner to qualify for the Toronto Heritage Fund Grant Program, which funds restoration work on heritage properties.

### **COMMENTS**

The property at 166 Beaconsfield Avenue 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 under the categories of design and contextual value. Located on the west side of Beaconsfield Avenue, south of Dundas Street West, the George Barrett House is a well-crafted example of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century house form building that defines, maintains and supports the historical residential character of the street.

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 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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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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