

August 18, 2010

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To: Planning and Growth Management Committee

From: North York Community Council

Subject: Designation of Places of Worship as Heritage Sites
(Item NY36.100)

Committee Decision

North York Community Council, at its meeting on August 17, 2010:

1. Referred the following recommendations to the Planning and Growth Management Committee:
 - a. that the City Planning Division, in collaboration with Heritage Toronto, undertake a comprehensive audit of all places of worship within the City of Toronto;
 - b. that this audit be based on a dialogue with the faith community;
 - c. that faith groups be asked to list all places of worship within their denomination and work with the City Planning Division and Heritage Toronto to determine which buildings merit designation and in what order of priority;
 - d. that once that list is established it can become a planning framework for both the City and the religious denominations themselves, that can better assist in the preservation of important heritage structures than the present system.
2. Requested the Planning and Growth Management Committee to consider the above-noted recommendations at its meeting on August 19, 2010.

Background Information

Motion by Councillor Moscoe regarding the Designation of Places of Worship as Heritage Sites.

City Clerk

Francine Adamo

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Director, Community Planning, North York District
Committee Administrator