



Councillor Joe Mihevc

Toronto City Hall
St. Paul's West
Ward 21

January 11, 2010

Dear Members of Toronto and East York Community Council:

Re.: Maclean House (7 Austin Terrace)

Background:

I am writing this letter to the Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council to ask that the issue of a heritage designation for Maclean House (7 Austin Terrace) be forwarded directly from TEYCC to the January meeting of City Council without recommendation.

Maclean House is located in the Casa Loma neighbourhood of my ward. In mid December, aware that Heritage Preservation Services (HPS) had undertaken a review of the property, the owner began destroying architectural features on the building that many believed held heritage value. In an effort to stop the destruction in the interim between the HPS's review and City Council's consideration of the matter, the City asked for and was granted a "stop order" from the Provincial Ministry of Culture to prevent further alterations/demolitions on this property for a period of 60 days. It is imperative that City Council consider this item at its January meeting before the "stop order" expires. Despite the destruction of some of the property's features, HPS is recommending a heritage designation of the property in its report to the January 21, 2010, meeting of the Toronto Preservation Board.

Recommendations:

1. That TEYCC forward this matter without recommendation to City Council on January 26 and 27, 2010, for its consideration.
2. That Toronto Preservation Board forward its recommendation(s) regarding 7 Austin Terrace following its January 21, 2010, meeting directly to City Council on January 26 and 27, 2010.

Sincerely,

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