



STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

Heritage Properties on King Street West Between Simcoe Street and Duncan Street

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From:	Acting Director, Policy & Research, City Planning Division
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this information report is to inform City Council that Heritage Preservation Services does not currently have the staff resources required to accommodate the recommendation of Toronto East York Community Council to report on necessary amendments to the designation bylaws for the properties at 214 and 260 King Street West, nor to complete the designation reports for the properties at 212, 220, 266-270 and 274 King Street West by the requested date of June 22, 2010. This report also informs Council of the dates for which a report can be prepared.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of April 27, 2010, the Toronto and East York Community Council adopted a motion requesting staff to report back on any necessary amendments to the designating by-law for the following properties:

- 214 King Street West; and
- 260 King Street West (including amendment of the Easement Agreement);

and to report back to the Community Council on the potential for designation of the listed properties at 212, 220, 266-270 and 274 King Street West.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Due to current staffing levels and a backlog of urgently required listings and designations, HPS staff are unable to complete the requested report in the time frame specified. The research workload of staff is fully subscribed until the July meeting of the Toronto Preservation Board and consists solely of listing and designation requests by councillors and/or development applications affecting heritage properties.

Additionally, Heritage Preservation Services has a backlog of non-urgent nominations from the public equal to approximately twenty-four months of work at current staffing levels.

COMMENTS

Staff have examined the current workload and reprioritized some files to accommodate the request of the Community Council. As such, staff of Heritage Preservation Services can prepare the requested report for the July 30 meeting of the Toronto Preservation Board, followed by the Community Council on July 29 and City Council on August 25, 2010. The Toronto Preservation Board is required to provide recommendations to City Council prior to the designation of a property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

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