

Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 43 Millwood Road

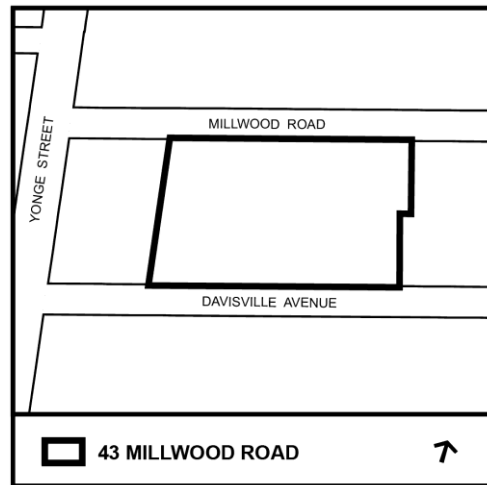
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To:	Toronto Preservation Board Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division
Wards:	St. Paul's – Ward 22
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SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council state its intention to designate the property at 43 Millwood Road under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value and include the property on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register.

Located on the south side of Millwood Road, east of Yonge Street, the property contains the former Metropolitan Toronto School for the Deaf and the Davisville Junior Public School and Day Nursery (1961-2).

Following research and evaluation, staff have determined that the property at 43 Millwood Road meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.



RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council include the property at 43 Millwood Road on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register.
2. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 43 Millwood Road under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 43 Millwood Road (Reasons for Designation) attached as Attachment No. 3 to the report (May 11, 2016) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division.
3. If there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the bill in Council designating the property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.
4. If there are objections in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council direct the City Clerk to refer the designation to the Conservation Review Board.
5. If the designation is referred to the Conservation Review Board, City Council authorize the City Solicitor and appropriate staff to attend any hearing held by the Conservation Review Board in support of Council's decision on the designation of the property.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The property at 43 Millwood Road contains the former three-storey Metropolitan Toronto School for the Deaf and the Davisville Junior Public School, designed by Toronto District School Board (TDSB) architectural team, lead by Frederick C. Etherington, and completed in 1962.

In October 2015, the Minister of Education announced provincial funding to the TDSB to replace the school with a new school facility on the site.

Designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act and inclusion on the Heritage Register will help to ensure that the cultural heritage value and heritage attributes of the property are identified and conserved.

COMMENTS

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached. Staff have completed the attached Research and Evaluation Summary (Attachment No. 4).

Staff have determined that the property at 43 Millwood Road 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, Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the three categories of design, associative and contextual values.

Located at 43 Millwood Road, the former Metropolitan Toronto School For the Deaf, the Davisville Junior Public School and Day Nursery, completed in 1962 has design value in its unique application of the Modern Expressionist style to a school specially designed and programmed as a combined deaf and junior school and pre-school day care facility, whose architectural forms respond to and enhance children's educational experience. It forms part of the collection of Mid-century Modernist buildings which, along with the new City Hall and the O'Keefe Centre, established the City of Toronto as a unique contributor to post-World War II architecture. The property is valued for its historical association with the architectural team at the TDSB in the 1950s-1960s under the leadership of Frederick C. Etherington. The TDSB team contributed to other significant schools within Toronto such as the Lord Lansdowne Senior Public School, the Parkway Vocational School and the Williamson Road Junior and Senior School. The school property has a long and close historic association with John Davis and the settlement of Davisville village. In its scale, form, massing and siting, it responds to the residential context of Millwood Road while also being a landmark building on the street and viewed from Yonge Street and Davisville Avenue.

The Statement of Significance (Attachment No. 3) for the property at 43 Millwood Road comprises the Reasons for Designation, which is the Public Notice of Intention to

Designate and will be advertised on the City of Toronto's web site in accordance with the City of Toronto Act provisions and served on the property owners and the Ontario Heritage Trust according to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 – Location Map
Attachment No. 2 – Photographs
Attachment No. 3 – Statement of Significance (Reasons for Designation)
Attachment No. 4 – Heritage Property Research and Evaluation Report