

## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 19 Duncan Street

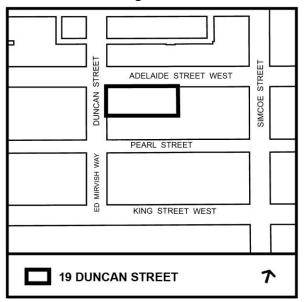
| Date:                | May 11, 2016  |
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| То:                  | Toronto Preservation Board<br>Toronto and East York Community Council |
| From:                | Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division          |
| Wards:               | Trinity-Spadina – Ward 20   |
| Reference<br>Number: | P:\2016\Cluster B\PLN\TEYCC\TE16070                                   |

## **SUMMARY**

This report recommends that City Council state its intention to designate the property at 19 Duncan Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. Located on the

southeast corner of Duncan Street and Adelaide Street West, the property containing the Southam Press Building (1908) is listed on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register (formerly known as the Inventory of Heritage Properties).

The owners have submitted an application to develop the site, and the property at 19 Duncan Street is being recommended for designation at this time to ensure that all of the heritage values and attributes of the site are identified and protected.



## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

## The City Planning Division recommends that:

- 1. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 19 Duncan Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 19 Duncan Street (Reasons for Designation) attached as Attachment No. 3 to the report (May 11, 2016) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.

#### **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of June 16, 2005, City Council included the property at 19 Duncan Street on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties (now known as the Heritage Register).

At its meeting of October 2, 2012, City Council authorized the study of the King-Spadina area as a potential Heritage Conservation District, which includes the property at 19 Duncan Street: http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.TE18.18

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The property at 19 Duncan Street is part of a proposed development site. The designation of the property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act would ensure that all of its cultural heritage values and attributes are identified and protected.

### COMMENTS

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached.

Staff have completed the attached Heritage Property Research and Evaluation Report (Attachment No. 4) and determined that the property at 19 Duncan Street meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, the criteria prescribed for municipal designation under Part IV, Section

29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The property at 19 Duncan Street has design, associative and contextual values as an industrial building dating to 1908 that was designed by the notable Toronto architectural firm of Sproatt and Rolph and occupied by Southam Press Limited, one of the largest publishing enterprises in Canada during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Southam Press Building is historically associated with the development and evolution of the King-Spadina neighbourhood where it supports the character of the area and is linked to its highly visible setting and corner location adjoining Adelaide Street West.

The Statement of Significance (Attachment No. 3) 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