

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

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**Heritage Preservation Services Study of 79 and 81 Granby Street - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services to initiate a study of the formally nominated properties, at 79 and 81 Granby Street, with consideration to their potential contribution to a future Heritage Conservation District and City Council direct the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services to report back regarding designation within the first quarter of 2019.

**Summary**

The McGill-Granby neighbourhood is a unique, low-rise community situated downtown. It is bordered by College Street to the north, Gerrard Street to the south, Yonge Street to the west, and Mutual Street to the east. City Planning has identified the McGill-Granby neighbourhood as an Area of Special Identity, under the City of Toronto Official Plan, Area Specific Policy 151.

This area is currently facing intense development pressures. As such, local residents have a priority interest in protecting their neighbourhood character and preserving heritage homes. In November, 2017, the McGill-Granby Resident's Association made a formal submission to Heritage Preservation Services, requesting study and designation of McGill, Granby, and Mutual Streets under a comprehensive Heritage Conservation District. The study has not yet been initiated, as City staff have a backlog of Heritage Conservation District studies to complete.

While awaiting the Heritage Conservation District study, local residents have taken further action to submit a request for the study of two specific properties, at 79 and 81 Granby Street. These heritage-value, residential homes have recently been consolidated into a proposed development site. As such, the community fears that the two homes will be demolished, prior to the commencement of the Heritage Conservation District study. To ensure that the low-rise residential homes are protected, the McGill-Granby Residents Association have made a formal

submission to Heritage Preservation Services nominating 79 and 81 Granby Street for heritage designation. The residents have asked that I assist them in ensuring that this matter is expedited, with all due haste.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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