

Clause embodied in Report No. 3 of the Midtown Community Council, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on April 16, 17 and 18, 2002.

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**1929 Bayview Avenue (CNIB Headquarters)  
- Inclusion on the City of Toronto  
Inventory of Heritage Properties  
(Don Valley West - Ward 26)**

*(City Council on April 16, 17 and 18, 2002, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)*

**The Midtown Community Council recommends adoption of the following report (February 28, 2002) from the Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:**

Purpose:

This report recommends that the property at 1929 Bayview Avenue (CNIB Headquarters) be included on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

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

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council include the property at 1929 Bayview Avenue (CNIB Headquarters) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties;
- (2) the “fragrant garden” portion of the property be excluded as a heritage character defining feature of the property to be listed; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

The Toronto Preservation Board at its meeting held on February 21, 2002 endorsed the staff recommendations as noted above.

On the recommendation of the Culture Division, the Planning Division of Urban Development Services identified the CNIB Headquarters, specifically “Bakerwood” (the administrative building), pedestrian bridge and “fragrant garden”, as important heritage components to be considered in the redevelopment of any land within an area defined as the Bayview Institutions Context Plan. The CNIB has applied for a severance along a line directly east of the rear wall of the administrative building that will place the “fragrant garden” on a separate property.

A report recommending the inclusion of the property at 1929 Bayview Avenue on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties was before the Toronto Preservation Board at its meeting of February 21, 2002. On the recommendation of staff, the Toronto Preservation Board adopted the recommendations listed above, with the additional recommendation that the “fragrant garden” be removed from the listing description.

Inclusion of the property at 1929 Bayview Avenue, specifically the administrative building and pedestrian bridge, on the Inventory of Heritage Properties will enable the Culture Division to work with the property owner to incorporate the heritage features of the property in any redevelopment plan. A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photograph (Attachment No. 2) are attached.

Comments:

The property at 1929 Bayview Avenue is identified for architectural and historical reasons. The CNIB Headquarters, with the administrative building known as “Bakerwood” and the pedestrian bridge, is a visible feature on Bayview Avenue north of Eglinton Avenue East in the former City of North York. Historically associated with the evolution of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the building is a well-designed example of Modern architecture in Toronto.

A Heritage Property Summary is available for viewing from the City Clerk.

Conclusions:

It is recommended that City Council include the property at 1929 Bayview Avenue (CNIB Headquarters) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

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(Attachments appended to the foregoing report were forwarded to all Members of the Midtown Community Council with the agenda for its meeting on April 2, 2002, and copies thereof are on file in the office of the City Clerk, North York Civic Centre.)