

Clause embodied in Report No. 3 of the Toronto North Community Council, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its Special meeting on April 15 and 16, 2004.

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**Inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of
Heritage Properties - Leaside Bridge
(Ward 26 - Don Valley West and Ward 29 - Toronto-Danforth)**

(City Council on April 15 and 16, 2004, amended this Clause in accordance with the following recommendation of the Toronto South Community Council contained in the communication dated April 8, 2004, from the City Clerk:

“The Toronto South Community Council recommends the adoption of the report (February 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to amending Paragraph 1 of the ‘Reasons for Listing’ by adding the word ‘civil’ before the word ‘engineering’.”)

The Toronto North Community Council recommends the adoption of the following report (February 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:

Purpose:

This report recommends that the Leaside Bridge 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 Leaside Bridge on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

At its meeting of January 12, 2004, the Works Committee made a number of recommendations to City Council concerning the rehabilitation of the Leaside Bridge, including that the

Commissioner of Economic Development Culture and Tourism submit a report as soon as possible to the Toronto Preservation Board on whether the Leaside Bridge should be dedicated as a heritage structure.

Comments:

Department staff have assessed the Leaside Bridge and determined that it merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. The Reasons for Listing are outlined below. A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photograph (Attachment No. 2) are attached.

Reasons for Listing:

The Leaside Bridge is recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural resource value or interest. Extending across the Don Valley from Millwood Road to the intersection of Pape Avenue and Donlands Avenue, the Leaside Bridge was opened in October 1927 following an accelerated construction period. Originally known as the East York-Leaside Viaduct, the bridge was designed to link the Town of Leaside with the Township of East York. Engineer Frank Barber, a pioneer in concrete bridge design in Ontario, designed the bridge in consultation with C. R. Young, with the construction supervised by the firm of Roger Miller and Sons Limited, contractors. The Leaside Bridge is historically significant as the link across the upper Don Valley that facilitated the development of the communities of Leaside and East York. Architecturally, it is an important example of engineering in Toronto.

The heritage attributes of the Leaside Bridge consists of the tapered concrete piers and abutments supporting a steel truss with a concrete deck and handrail (in 1969 the steel structure was widened to accommodate a six-lane roadway, and the original tiled handrail has been replaced).

Conclusions:

It is recommended that City Council include the Leaside Bridge on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

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Attachments:

1. Location Map – Leaside Bridge
2. Photograph – Leaside Bridge

(Attachments referred to in the foregoing report, were forwarded to all Members of the Toronto North Community Council with the agenda for its meeting on April 7, 2004; and copies thereof are on file in the office of the City Clerk, North York Civic Centre).

The Toronto North Community Council also submits the following communication (February 26, 2004) from the City Clerk, Toronto Preservation Board:

Recommendation:

The Toronto Preservation Board recommended to the Toronto South Community Council and the Toronto North Community Council, and Council, the adoption of the report (February 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to amending Paragraph 2 on Page 2 of the report by adding the word “civil” before the word engineering”.

Background:

The Toronto Preservation Board, at its meeting held on February 26, 2004, had before it a report (February 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism recommending that:

- (1) City Council include the Leaside Bridge on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(City Council on April 15 and 16, 2004, had before it, during consideration of the foregoing Clause, the following report (April 8, 2004) from the City Clerk:

Recommendation:

The Toronto South Community Council recommends the adoption of the report (February 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to amending Paragraph 1 of the Reasons for Listing by adding the word “civil” before the word “engineering”.

Background:

The Toronto South Community Council, on April 7, 2004, had before it a report (February 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism respecting Inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties – Leaside Bridge (Don Valley West, Ward 26 and Toronto-Danforth, Ward 29), and recommending that:

- (1) *City Council include the Leaside Bridge on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties; and*
- (2) *the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.*

The Toronto South Community Council also had before it a communication (February 26, 2004) from the City Clerk, Toronto Preservation Board, forwarding the Board's action of February 26, 2004 in recommending the adoption of the report (February 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to amending Paragraph 2 on Page 2 of the report by adding the word "civil" before the word "engineering".

The Toronto South Community Council's recommendation is noted above.)