

# TORONTO STAFF REPORT

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December 6, 2004

To: Toronto Preservation Board  
Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Joe Halstead, Commissioner Economic Development, Culture and Tourism

Subject: 6 Church Street (Greey's Factory Building) - Inclusion on the City of Toronto  
Inventory of Heritage Properties  
Toronto Centre-Rosedale - Ward 28

Purpose:

This report recommends that the property at 6 Church Street (Greey's Factory Building) 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 6 Church Street (Greey's Factory Building) 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:

Staff have evaluated the property at 6 Church Street and determined that it merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. The property contains a factory associated with Greey's Toronto Mill Furnishings Works.

The neighbouring property at 70 The Esplanade, containing the major component of Greey's factory complex, was recently recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. Staff have determined that the property at 6 Church Street has contextual value in association with 70 The Esplanade, and recommend that the front (east) portion of 6 Church Street be preserved to retain the street wall that defines Church Street between Front Street East and The Esplanade.

Comments:

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached. The Reasons for Listing are listed below.

Reasons for Listing

The property at 6 Church Street is recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural resource value or interest. Located on the west side of Church Street, north of The Esplanade, the building was in place by 1903 as part of Greey's Toronto Mill Furnishings Works. The original section of Greey's factory complex, dating to 1882 (with a fourth-floor addition by 1903), is located at 70 The Esplanade on the northwest corner of Church Street, where it is separated from the subject property by a small recess.

Greey's Factory Building at 6 Church Street is contextually significant in association with the neighbouring building at 70 The Esplanade, which forms the main portion of Greey's factory complex. The buildings share brick cladding, four-storey heights, and the setback from Church Street where they form part of the street wall that defines Church Street between Front Street East and The Esplanade.

The heritage attributes of the building at 6 Church Street consist of the principal (east) façade, the first (east) bay of the north and south elevations, and the roof above the latter features. Clad with red brick and trimmed with brick and precast stone, the structure rises four stories beneath a flat roof that displays a parapet with corbelled brickwork along the east and north elevations. The east façade is organized into three bays by brick piers. In the first storey, an entry with a wood entablature is placed in the left (south) bay beside a tall segmental-arched window opening. The pairs of segmental-arched window openings in the upper floors of the east wall and on the side walls complement the fenestration on the adjacent building at 70 The Esplanade. On the north and south elevations, the first (east) bay, extending from the east façade to a brick pier and the window openings within the bay are included in the Reasons for Listing.

Conclusions:

It is recommended that City Council include the property at 6 Church Street (Greey's Factory Building) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

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List of Attachments:

Attachment No. 1 – Location Map (6 Church Street)  
Attachment No. 2 – Photographs (6 Church Street)



