

TORONTO STAFF REPORT

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To: Toronto Preservation Board
Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Subject: 154 Shuter Street (Rosar Coach House) - Inclusion on the City of Toronto
Inventory of Heritage Properties
Toronto Centre-Rosedale - Ward 27

Purpose:

This report recommends City Council include the property at 154 Shuter Street (Rosar Coach House) 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 154 Shuter Street (Rosar Coach House) 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 154 Shuter Street and determined that it merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. The inclusion of the property on the Inventory of Heritage Properties will enable staff to monitor any applications affecting the site and encourage the retention of its character defining features.

Comments:

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

Reasons for Listing

The property at 154 Shuter Street is recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural resource value or interest. Designed by Toronto architect J. M. Cowan, the building was completed in 1910 as the coach house for the funeral home operated by Rosina Rosar, a widow, at 180 Sherbourne Street.

The Rosar Coach House is architecturally significant as a good example of Renaissance Revival architecture, popularized at the turn of the 20th century and identified by the application of exaggerated Classical elements. Located on the north side of Shuter Street, west of Sherbourne Street, the building is contextually notable as a visible neighbourhood feature.

The heritage attributes of the building are found on the exterior walls and roof. Rising two stories, the building displays red brick cladding with brick and precast stone detailing. On the principal (south) façade, the flat roof is marked by corbelled brickwork and extended by a triangular pediment. The piers that mark the corners of the wall are decorated with precast stone bands and caps. The south wall is symmetrically organized into three bays, with a large entrance (now altered) placed in the first floor beneath an oversized opening. On either side, flat-headed window openings with corbelled sills are found in each storey. All of the openings are marked by brick voussiors with trios of oversized precast stone keystones. The side walls (east and west) display a combination of flat-headed and round-arched window openings (some have been altered) with brick and precast stone trim.

Conclusions:

It is recommended that City Council include the property at 154 Shuter Street (Rosar Coach House) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

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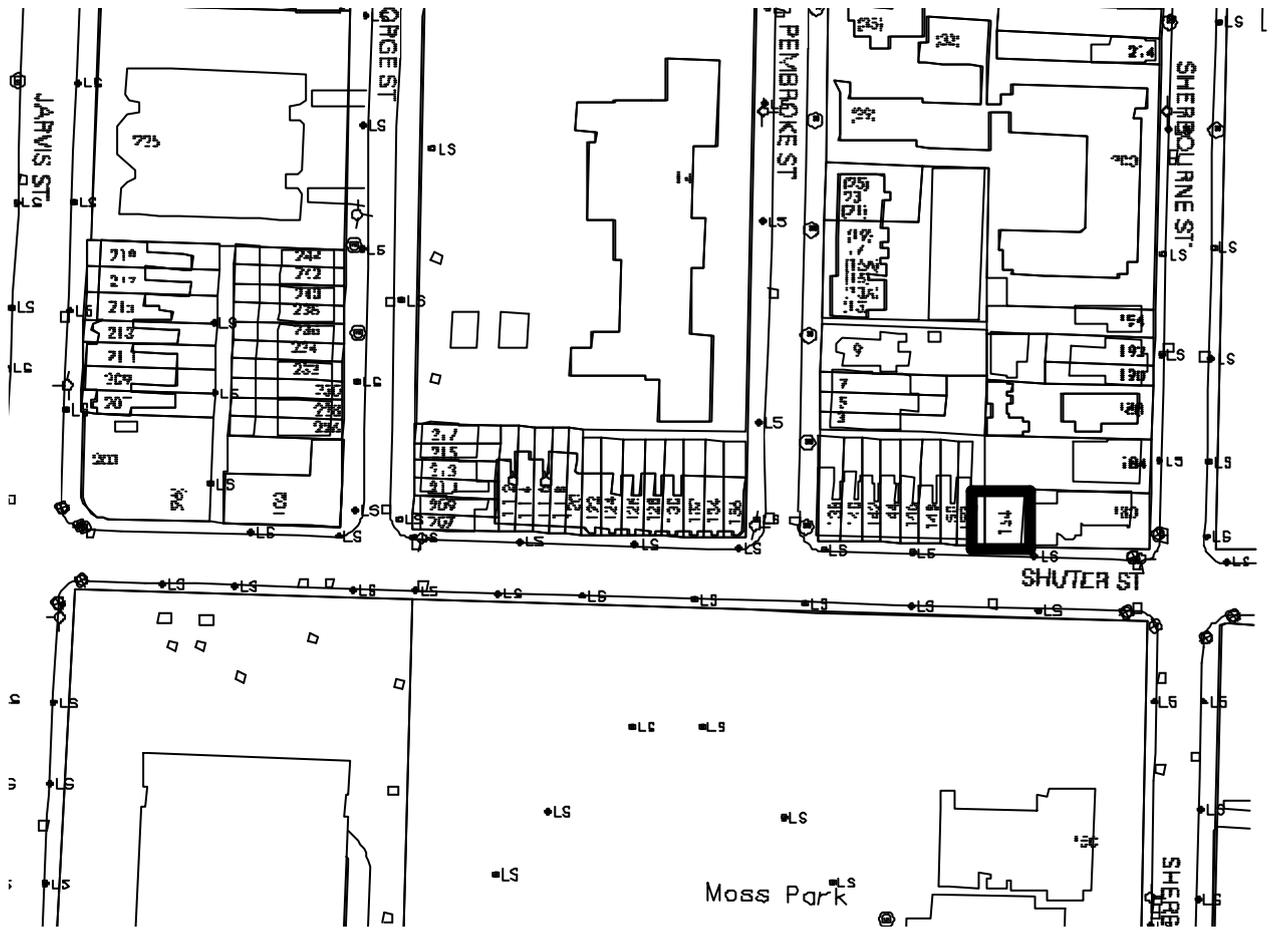
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List of Attachments:

Attachment No. 1 – Location Map (154 Shuter Street)

Attachment No. 2 – Photograph (154 Shuter Street)



PHOTOGRAPH: 154 SHUTER STREET

ATTACHMENT NO. 2

