

December 2, 2005

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Toronto Preservation Board

Subject: 80 Lynn Williams Street (Liberty Storage Warehouse) – Inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties (Ward 19 Trinity-St. Paul's)

Action taken by the Board:

The Toronto Preservation Board referred the report back to the Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division, for further consultation with the owner and requested that an amended report be submitted to the January 12, 2006 meeting of the Board.

Background:

The Toronto Preservation Board on December 1, 2005, considered a report (November 18, 2005) from the Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council include the property at 80 Lynn Williams Street (Liberty Storage Warehouse) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties;
- (2) authority be granted by City Council for the execution of a Heritage Easement Agreement under Section 37 of the Ontario Heritage Act with the owner of 80 Lynn Williams Street, using substantially the form of easement agreement prepared in February 1987 by the City Solicitor and on file with the City Clerk, subject to such amendments as may be deemed necessary by the City Solicitor; and
- (3) and the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons addressed the Toronto Preservation Board:

- Douglas Quick, Partner, Goodman and Carr, LLP; and
- David Hastings, IBI Group, Architects.

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TORONTO STAFF REPORT

November 18, 2005

To: Toronto Preservation Board
Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Policy & Research, City Planning Division

Subject: 80 Lynn Williams Street (Liberty Storage Warehouse) - Inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties
Trinity-St. Paul's - Ward 19

Purpose:

This report recommends that City Council include the property at 80 Lynn Williams Street (Liberty Storage Warehouse) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties and that authority be granted to enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

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

Recommendations:

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- (3) and the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

At its meeting of May 12, 2005, the Toronto Preservation Board considered the report entitled “Garrison Common North Area Study – Inclusion of 38 Properties on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.” One of the properties in the study at 80 Lynn Williams Street (formerly known as 130 East Liberty Street) was deferred to allow for further consultation between staff and the property owner.

The property owner has agreed to the inclusion of the property on the Inventory of Heritage Properties and to enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement with the City to preserve the Liberty Storage Warehouse.

Comments:

A location map (Attachment No.1) and the Reasons for Listing (Attachment No. 2) are attached.

Conclusions:

It is recommended that City Council include the property at 80 Lynn Williams Street (Liberty Storage Warehouse) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties and grant authority to enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement.

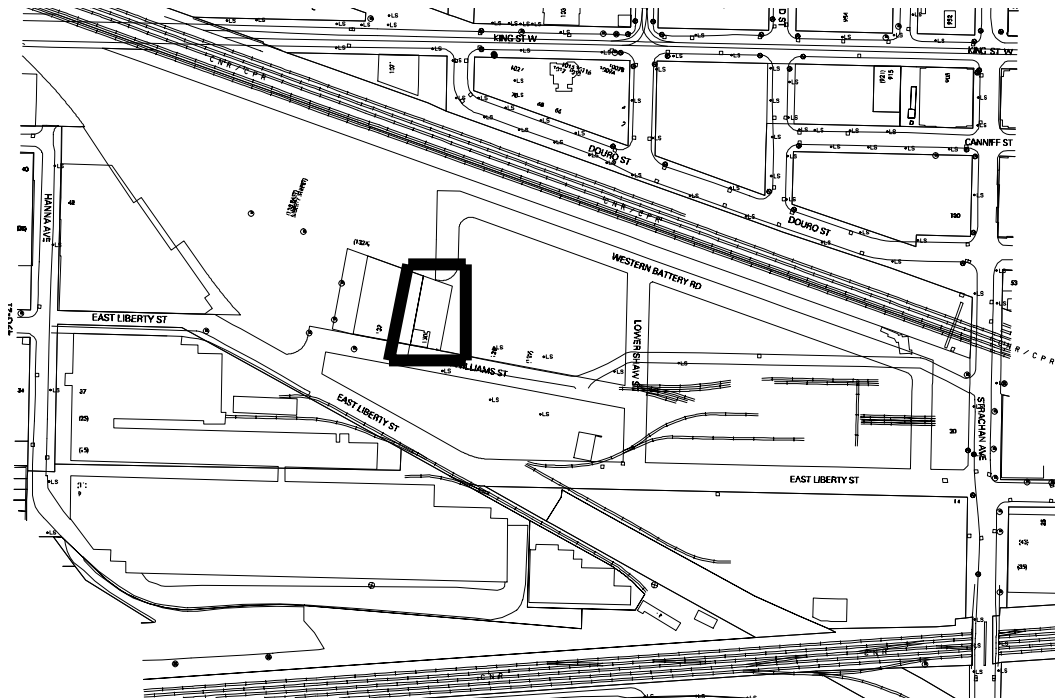
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List of Attachments:

Attachment No. 1 – Location Map (80 Lynn Williams Street)
Attachment No. 2 – Photograph and Reasons for Listing (80 Lynn Williams Street)





former Central Prison Paint Shop wall visible on right

**Liberty Storage Warehouse
80 Lynn Williams Street (formerly 130 East Liberty Street)**

Description:

The property at 80 Lynn Williams Street is recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural resource value or interest. The Liberty Storage Warehouse was completed in 1929 according to the designs of Toronto architects Kaplan and Sprachman. The east wall of the warehouse is composed of a portion of the Paint Shop from the Central Prison, a facility for the incarceration of male convicts that operated on the west side of Strachan Avenue from 1873 to 1915. Behind a central administration building, the complex included several auxiliary structures where inmates learned a trade making products that were sold to raise revenue for the institution. A one-storey Paint Shop, built circa 1879, is attributed to Kivas Tully, Provincial Architect from 1867 to 1890. In 1888, prison labourers added a second storey to the Paint Shop. Following the closure of Central Prison, the A. R. Williams Company, dealers in machinery and supplies, acquired the portion of the grounds containing the Paint Shop.

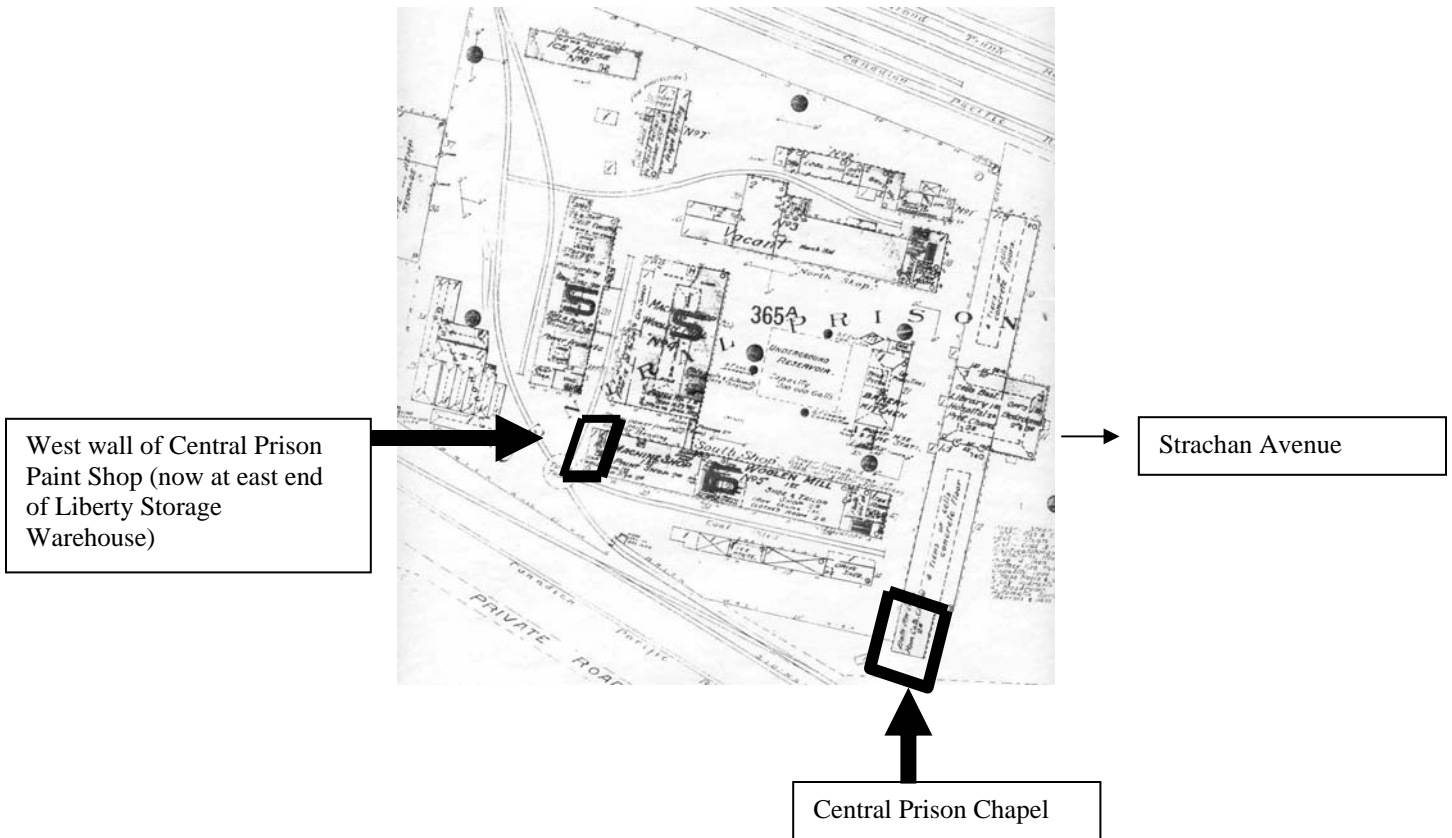
Significance:

The Liberty Storage Warehouse is historically, architecturally and contextually significant for its association with the Central Prison for Men. With the Roman Catholic Chapel, it is one of only two surviving remnants from the prison complex. Located on the north side of Lynn Williams Street (formerly East Liberty Street), between Strachan Avenue and Hanna Avenue, the Liberty Storage Warehouse is a core component of the Liberty Street neighbourhood in Garrison Common.

Heritage Attributes:

The heritage attributes of the building are found on the exterior walls and roof. Constructed of brick and steel with brick and stone trim, the building features a 2½ rectangular plan under a gable roof with single-storey flat-roofed wings on the east and west sides. On the principal (south) facade, a large door opening is centered in the lower

storey and pairs of flat-headed openings with multi-paned steel windows are placed in both floors. The rear (north) wall displays similar openings. A painted sign identifying the "A. R. Williams Machinery Company - Liberty Street Plant" fills the area beneath the gable end on the south wall. Above the wings, the side (east and west) elevations have clerestory windows and corner buttresses. The west wing has paired flat-headed window openings. On the east wing, a large cargo door opening marks the south facade. The lower west wall and a fragment of the south facade of the Central Prison Paint Shop are incorporated at the east end of the Liberty Storage Warehouse. The interior, with its steel frame support system and open span, is included in the Reasons for Listing.



Above: excerpt from Goad's Atlas (1910 revised to 1912) showing the two surviving remnants from the Central Prison for Men