

Consolidated Clause in Etobicoke York Community Council Report 4, which was considered by City Council on May 23, 24 and 25, 2006.

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**Inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties
1625 Dufferin Street (former Earlscourt Branch,
Toronto Public Library) (Ward 17 - Davenport)**

City Council on May 23, 24 and 25, 2006, adopted this Clause without amendment.

The Etobicoke York Community Council recommends that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 20, 2006) from the Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division.

Purpose:

This report recommends that City Council include the property at 1625 Dufferin Street (former Earlscourt Branch, Toronto Public Library) 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 1625 Dufferin Street (former Earlscourt Branch, Toronto Public Library) 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 1625 Dufferin Street, which contains the former Earlscourt Branch of the Toronto Public Library, and determined that it merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. Its inclusion on the heritage inventory would enable staff to work with the owners and encourage the preservation of the heritage attributes.

Comments:

A location map (Attachment 1) and photograph (Attachment 2) are attached.

As described in the Reasons for Listing (Attachment 3), the former Earlscourt Branch (now known as the Dufferin-St. Clair Branch) of the Toronto Public Library is recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural heritage value or interest. Built according to the designs of Toronto architect C. J. Gibson and opened in 1921, the library is of architectural, historical and contextual significance for its design, its interior murals (including the recently restored mural panel, "The Family", by Toronto artist George A. Reid), and its contribution as a visible institutional building on Dufferin Street in the Earlscourt neighbourhood.

Conclusions:

It is recommended that City Council include the property at 1625 Dufferin Street (Earlscourt Branch, Toronto Public Library) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

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(Attachments 1, 2 and 3, referred to in this report, were forwarded to all Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council with the agenda for its meeting on May 9, 2006, and copies are on file in the City Clerk's Office, Etobicoke Civic Centre.)