

# **TORONTO** STAFF REPORT

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July 21, 2006

To: Toronto Preservation Board  
Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Policy & Research, City Planning Division

Subject: Eden Smith Survey - Inclusion of 14 Properties on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties  
St. Paul's - Ward 22

Purpose:

This report recommends that City Council include 14 properties identified in the Eden Smith Survey 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 following 14 properties on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties:
  - (i) 233 Balmoral Avenue (Frederick Jones House);
  - (ii) 72 Clarendon Avenue (Hamilton Cassels House);
  - (iii) 75 Forest Hill Road (James McMurrich House);
  - (iv) 77 Forest Hill Road (Michael McLaughlin House);
  - (v) 217 Poplar Plains Road (Martha Wilkes House);
  - (vi) 291 Russell Hill Road (Arthur Morrice House);
  - (vii) 51 Russell Hill Road (Charles Weisner House);
  - (viii) 279 Russell Hill Road (Kenneth Dunston House);
  - (ix) 350 Russell Hill Road (Grace Church on the Hill);
  - (x) 350 Russell Hill Road (convenience address: 352 Russell Hill Road – Grace Church Rectory);
  - (xi) 9 Shorncliffe Avenue (George Lee House);
  - (xii) 34 Warren Road (Francis Jemmett House);
  - (xiii) 109 Warren Road (Algernon Temple House); and

- (xiv) 177 Warren Road (Jane Thompson House); and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

The Toronto and East York Community Preservation Panel has provided information about properties in the Forest Hill and Poplar Plains neighbourhoods flanking St. Clair Avenue West that were designed by Toronto architect Eden Smith and described in the book, Eden Smith: Toronto's Arts and Crafts Architect by W. Douglas Brown (2003). Staff have evaluated the sites and determined that 14 of the properties merit inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

Comments:

Location maps (Attachment No. 1 A-B), a historical overview about Eden Smith (Attachment No. 2), and photographs (with the Reasons for Listing in Attachment No. 3A-N) are attached.

According to the Reasons for Listing, the 14 properties in Recommendation No. 1 consist of 13 house form buildings and Grace Church-on-the-Hill, which have design, historical and contextual importance as representative examples of the architecture of the World War I era designed by architect Eden Smith that contribute to the character of the Forest Hill and Poplar Plains neighbourhoods flanking St. Clair Avenue West.

Conclusions:

It is recommended that City Council include the 14 properties identified in Recommendation No. 1 on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

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List of Attachments:

Attachment No. 1 A-B - Location Maps (Eden Smith Survey)

Attachment No. 2 - Historical Overview (Eden Smith Survey)

Attachment No. 3 A-N - Reasons for Listing with Photographs (Eden Smith Survey)