

November 28, 2008

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Toronto Preservation Board

Subject: 76 Grenville Street – Inclusion on Heritage Inventory
(Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)

Recommendations:

The Toronto Preservation Board recommended to the Toronto and East York Community Council that:

- 1. City Council include the property at 76 Grenville Street (Women's College Hospital) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.**
- 2. The Reasons for Listing be as follows:**

“Women's College Hospital was designated a National Historic Site in 1995 because:

- with its emphasis on women as health care professionals and on women's health issues, it is an institution which is unique in Canadian history and the buildings that house it symbolize women's struggle to claim a place of their own in the medical profession and in the built environment.**
 - the hospital was founded at a time when women's access to medical education, to hospital practice and to medical teaching was extremely restricted and it provided women medical professionals with opportunities that were unavailable, or extremely limited, elsewhere in the country.**
 - Women's College Hospital has always been a pacesetter in medical practice and health care generally and important Canadian research centre.”**
- 3. The Heritage Attributes in the Revised Reasons for Listing: 76 Grenville Street – Attachment No. 3, Women's College Hospital, be deleted.**

Background:

The Toronto Preservation Board on November 27, 2008, considered:

- a. report (September 22, 2008) from the Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division;
- b. Revised Reasons for Listing: 76 Grenville Street – Attachment No. 3, Women’s College Hospital.
- c. letter (November 26, 2008) from Michele Landsberg, O.C., Chair, Board of Directors, Women’s College Hospital (PB.New.PB19.3.1); and
- d. letter (November 27, 2008) from Jocelyn Palm, Treasurer, Friends of Women’s College Hospital (PB.New.PB19.3.2).

The following persons addressed the Toronto Preservation Board:

- James W. Harbell, Strikeman Elliott;
- Michele Landsberg, Chair, Board of Directors, Women’s College Hospital;
- Jocelyn Palm, Treasurer, Friends of Women’s College Hospital;
- Michael McClelland, ERA Architects.

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