
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM2.2	ACTION			Ward: 30
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Preservation of the Hearn Generating Station at 440 Unwin Avenue - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Adam Vaughan

Notice of this Motion has been given.

This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.

This Motion has been deemed urgent.

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Adam Vaughan, recommends that:

1. City Council reaffirm the City's interest in the protection and preservation of the Hearn Generating Station and that the City wishes to be consulted as part of the review process in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties.
2. City Council request the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) that prior to exercising its right to demolish the property, a public meeting be held and that OPG consult with the Ward Councillor, the Chief Planner, the Manager of Heritage Preservation Services, the General Manager of Economic Development and Culture and Waterfront Toronto with respect to alternatives to demolition of this significant heritage property.

Summary

At its meeting held on May 21, 22 and 23, 2003, Toronto City Council recommended that the Hearn Generating Station, which is owned by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) be added to the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties as a significant heritage resource for architectural and contextual reasons. However, provincial heritage properties and prescribed public bodies, including OPG, are exempt from designation by the City.

In July 2010 the Province established its Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties for the identification, maintenance, protection, conservation, use and disposal of provincial heritage properties which stress the importance of consultation with interested communities and groups when making decisions about provincial heritage property.

These new standards and guidelines provide that demolition or removal be considered only as a last resort after all other alternatives have been considered and subject to heritage impact assessment and public engagement.

On August 18, 2010 OPG applied to the City for a permit to demolish the former Hearn Generating Station. The application complies with all applicable law and therefore the City, by law, has had to issue a demolition permit.

(Submitted to City Council on December 16, 2010 as MM2.2)