Intention to Designate Under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act and Authority to Enter Into a Heritage Easement Agreement – 1115 Queen Street West

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
    Toronto Preservation Board
From: Director, Urban Design, City Planning Division
Wards: Ward 18 - Davenport
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SUMMARY

This report will recommend that City Council state its intention to designate the property at 1115 Queen Street West under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act and grant authority to enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement. The report will be finalized and made available for consideration prior to the May 15th, 2012 meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Located on the southeast corner of Queen Street West and Lisgar Street, the former Queen and Lisgar Branch of the Toronto Public Library (and more recently the Parkdale office of Toronto Public Health) was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1973. Originally built with an endowment from the Carnegie Foundation, the building is being converted into a performance space for The Theatre Centre.
The proposed designation of the property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act and the securing of a heritage easement agreement will ensure that the site's heritage attributes and values are protected while the building is adapted for a new use as a cultural venue.

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