
North York Community Council

NY18.36		Amended		Ward:16
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Intention to Designate Postal Station "K" at 2384 Yonge Street a Heritage Property

City Council Decision

City Council, on October 2, 3 and 4, 2012, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its commitment to designate Postal Station "K", located at 2384 Yonge Street, a heritage property once the sale is finalized.
2. City Council direct that the City of Toronto is saved harmless for any maintenance cost for Postal Station "K" in the event that City Council confirms the heritage designation of the building.

Community Council Recommendations

North York Community Council recommends that:

1. City Council express its commitment to designate Postal Station "K" located at 2384 Yonge Street, a heritage property once the sale is finalized.

Origin

(September 10, 2012) Memo from Councillor Stintz

Summary

Postal Station "K", a national historic site, is being sold by the owners, Canada Post. It is the only property in Canada which bears the Royal Cypher of King Edward VIII, who reigned only in 1936.

The property has been listed by Heritage Preservation Services but the property is owned by an agency of the Federal Government and therefore cannot be designated as "heritage" by the City until the property is in private ownership.

There has been an expression of interest in the property by developers. The community is very concerned about the demolition of this building and potential loss of public space.

Background Information (Community Council)

(September 10, 2012) Memo from Councillor Stintz on Intention to Designate Postal Station "K" at 2384 Yonge Street a Historical Property

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/ny/bqrd/backgroundfile-49960.pdf>)



Karen Stintz

Councillor - Ward 16, Eglinton Lawrence

Date: Sept 10, 2012
To: North York Community Council -City Clerk's Office-Secretariat
From: Councillor Karen Stintz
Subject: **Intention to Designate Postal Station "K" at 2384 Yonge Street a Historical Property**

SUMMARY:

Postal Station "K", a national historic site, is being sold by the owners, Canada Post. It is the only property in Canada which bears the Royal Cypher of King Edward VIII, who reigned only in 1936.

The property has been listed with Heritage Toronto but the property is owned by an agency of the Federal Government and therefore cannot be designated as "historic" by the City until the property is in private ownership.

There has been an expression of interest in the property by developers. The community is very concerned about the demolition of this building and potential loss of public space.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

North York Community Council expresses its commitment to designate Postal Station "K", located at 2384 Yonge Street, a historic property once the sale is finalized.

Sincerely,

Karen Stintz
City Councillor
Ward 16, Eglinton-Lawrence

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 27

MM27.7	ACTION	Adopted		Ward:16
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To formally designate the frontage of 2384 Yonge Street, currently Postal Station 'K', a public square - by Councillor Karen Stintz, seconded by Councillor John Parker

City Council Decision

City Council on October 30, 31 and November 1, 2012, adopted the following:

1. City Council resolve that should an application be made to re-develop Postal Station 'K', that such redevelopment application must consider not only the heritage significance of the building, but the real need to create a public open space which can provide for meaningful community engagement to accommodate outdoor public uses of benefit to the community.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM27.7

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-51443.pdf>)

NOTICE OF MOTION

**To formally designate the frontage of 2384 Yonge Street,
currently Postal Station 'K', a public square**

Moved by: Councillor Stintz

Seconded by: Councillor Parker

SUMMARY:

On March 29, 2012, Canada Post informed our office of their intention to sell Postal Station 'K', 2384 Yonge Street. This site, located at 2384 Yonge Street is an important heritage building to which the public have access. It has a substantial setback from Yonge, which provides a community gathering place and is an overall public asset. On September 11, 2012, Motion NY 18.36 was introduced to North York Community Council to designate Postal Station 'K' a heritage property once the sale was finalized. Toronto City Council adopted the item, with amendments on October 2, 2012.

Yonge Street, in the vicinity of Eglinton Avenue is an area of considerable intensification pressures, with few opportunities to create outdoor public plazas for community use and engagement.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That City of Toronto Council resolve, that should an application be made to re-develop the Postal Station, that such redevelopment application must consider not only the heritage significance of the building, but the real need to create a public open space which can provide for meaningful community engagement to accommodate outdoor public uses of benefit to the community.

Date: October 23, 2012