Staff report for action – Partial Repeal of Designating By-law – 550 Gerrard Street East

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To: Toronto Preservation Board
    Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Urban Design, City Planning Division

Wards: Toronto-Danforth – Ward 30

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SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council partially repeal City of Toronto By-law 410-2000 designating the property at 550 Gerrard Street East (Don Jail) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act to remove the portion of the site described as Plan 66R-26519, Part 2 from the legal description.

As part of the Bridgepoint Health Master Plan, City Council approved the redevelopment of the lands including the historic Don Jail. The development approvals involved a series of land exchanges between the City and Bridgepoint Health. In the context of the first phase of land exchanges, the City of Toronto gave an undertaking to seek Council Authority to partially repeal the designating by-law for the Don Jail to remove from the legal description the land conveyed to the municipality for public highway purposes. The existing legal description for By-law 410-2000 will be amended to remove the references to the City-owned land, while the Reasons for Designation protecting the historic Don Jail and its environs remain unchanged.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that

1. City Council state its intention to partially repeal City of Toronto By-law 410-2000 under Part IV, Section 31 of the Ontario Heritage Act, designating the property at 550 Gerrard Street East pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, to remove the references to the portion of the site legally described as Plan 66R-26519, Part 2 from Schedules "B" and "C" of the designating By-law 410-2000.
2. If there are no objections to the proposed partial repeal of By-law 410-2000, City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary bill in Council to partially repeal the by-law pursuant to Section 31 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

3. If there are objections to the proposed partial repeal of By-law 410-2000, City Council direct the City Clerk to refer the proposed repealing by-law to the Conservation Review Board for submission of a report to City Council for its final decision.

4. If the partial repeal of By-law 410-2000 is referred to the Conservation Review Board, City Council authorize the City Solicitor and appropriate staff to attend any hearing held by the Conservation Review Board in support of Council's decision on the proposed partial repeal of By-law 410-2000.

Financial Impact
There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY
As part of the Bridgepoint Health Master Plan, City Council approved the redevelopment of the lands northwest of Gerrard Street East and Broadview Avenue where the historic Don Jail is located. The development approvals include a land exchange between the City and Bridgepoint Health whereby the municipality receives land that is currently described in the legal descriptions for By-law 410-2000, designating the property at 550 Gerrard Street East (Don Jail) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
City of Toronto By-law 410-2000 was enacted on July 6, 2000 and designates the property at 550 Gerrard Street East (Don Jail) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

As part of the implementation of the development approvals for the Bridgepoint Health complex, it is necessary to repeal part of By-law 410-2000 to remove the heritage designation from the land that has now been conveyed to the City of Toronto, which is legally described as Part 2 on Plan 66R-26519. Until the next phase of development proceeds, the remainder of the lands described in Schedules "B" and "C" of the designating by-law will continue to be protected by the heritage designation, and the Reasons for Designation (Schedule "A" of the designating By-law 410-2000) are not affected by the partial repeal of By-law 410-2000.
COMMENTS
A location map (Attachment No. 1) is attached for the property at 550 Gerrard Street East. Schedule "C" from By-law 410-2000 showing the property currently designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act is found in Attachment No. 2. The land to be removed from the legal descriptions in the designating by-law is shown on the attached reference plan (Attachment No. 3).

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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment No. 1 – Location Map
Attachment No. 2 – Schedule "C", City of Toronto By-law No. 410-2000
Attachment No. 3 – Plan 66R-26519
This location map is for information purposes only; The exact boundaries of the property are not shown

The **arrow** marks the location of the Don Jail at 550 Gerrard Street East
Schedule "C" of City of Toronto By-law 410-2000 outlines the property currently designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.
It is the intent of the repealing by-law to remove the property labelled "Part 2" (above) from the schedules for the by-law designating the property at 550 Gerrard Street East under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.