Amendment to the Reasons for Listing on the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties - 51 Panorama Court

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To: Toronto Preservation Board
    Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Urban Design, City Planning Division

Wards: Ward 1 Etobicoke North

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SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council amend the Reasons for Listing on the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties for the property at 51 Panorama Court to include its heritage landscape attributes. The site is located on the south side of Panorama Court north-east of the Kipling and Finch Avenue intersection in Thistletown and contains the former Sick Children's Hospital (County Branch) Thistletown, now the Thistletown Regional Centre for Children and Adolescents, which officially opened in October 1928.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council amend the Reasons for Listing on the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties for 51 Panorama Court in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 51 Panorama Court, Revised Reasons for Listing, June, 2014, attached as Attachment 4 to the report (June 23, 2014) from the Director, Urban Design, City Planning Division.

Financial Impact
There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.
DECISION HISTORY
At its meeting of May 6 and 7, 2014 City Council adopted the recommendation to include the property at 51 Panorama Court, the former Sick Children's Hospital (Country Branch) Thistletown, (now the Thistletown Regional Health Centre for Children and Adolescents) on the City Inventory of Heritage Properties.
http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.EY32.9

ISSUE BACKGROUND
At its meeting of May 6 and 7, 2014 City Council requested the Director, Urban Design, City Planning Division, to identify the potential heritage landscape attributes and landmark uses at 51 Panorama Court and submit a report on the amended Reasons for Listing to a subsequent meeting of the Toronto Preservation Board.
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COMMENTS
Staff have completed the attached Revised Research and Evaluation Summary (Attachment No. 5) for the property at 51 Panorama Court. As the result of this assessment, staff have determined that the property including the indentified landscape attributes meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under the Ontario Heritage Act that is also applied by the City when evaluating sites for listing on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. The research and evaluation summary concludes that the heritage values of the property are represented by the Main Building and the driveway which originally entered the site from Kipling Avenue and Islington Avenue and various landscape elements. The power plant and the later buildings on the property including the garage, gymnasium and pool, daycare centre and the residential buildings and school have not been identified as heritage attributes or identified as demonstrating cultural heritage value.

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached. The original Reasons for Listing are found in Attachment No. 3. The Revised Reasons for Listing are found in Attachment No. 4. The property at 51 Panorama Court is worthy of inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural heritage value and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the three categories of design, historical association and context.

Located on the south side of Panorama Court, north east of the intersection of Kipling and Finch Avenues, the former Sick Children's Hospital (Country Branch) Thistletown, now the Thistletown Regional Centre for Children and Adolescents (1928) is an important representative and well-crafted example of a satellite hospital building located in a rural setting designed in a Georgian Classical style in a Picturesque park-like setting. It was constructed according to the plans of the notable architectural partnership of Sproatt and Rolph whose work over 30 years made a significant contribution to both institutional and commercial architecture in Canada and especially in Toronto. Historically both the former Sick Children's Hospital (County Branch) Thistletown and the Thistletown Regional Centre for Children and Adolescents represent innovative and evolving advances in physical and mental health care for children and youth in Ontario.
Contextually the hospital maintains and supports the historic character of the neighbourhood where it remains visually and historically linked to its surroundings. Its longstanding presence, the quality of the design and detail of its hospital building and the surrounding undulating park-like setting with its paths connecting lawns, meadows and wooded spaces adjacent to the Humber River, contribute to the character of the property and the local community.

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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment No. 1 - Location Map
Attachment No. 2 - Photographs
Attachment No. 3 - Original Reasons for Listing
Attachment No. 4 - Revised Reasons for Listing
Attachment No. 5 – Revised Research and Evaluation Summary