



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties – 55 Sudbury Street

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| <b>Date:</b>             | June 23, 2014   |
| <b>To:</b>               | Toronto Preservation Board<br>Toronto and East York Community Council |
| <b>From:</b>             | Director, Urban Design, City Planning Division                        |
| <b>Wards:</b>            | Davenport - Ward 18   |
| <b>Reference Number:</b> | P:\2014\Cluster B\PLN\TEYCC\TE14089                                   |

#### SUMMARY

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This report recommends that City Council include the property at 55 Sudbury Street, the Diamond Glass Company on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural heritage value. Located on the south side of Sudbury Street at the junction with Dovercourt Road, the original Diamond Glass Company office building is a two-and-a-half storey brick and stone clad building completed c 1899-1900.

Following research and evaluation, staff have determined that the property at 55 Sudbury Street meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation that is also used by the City when assessing properties for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. Inclusion on the inventory would identify the property's heritage values and attributes and enable City Council to control alterations to the site and refuse demolition.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**The City Planning Division recommends that:**

1. City Council include the property at 55 Sudbury Street, the former Diamond Glass Company, on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties, in accordance with the Statement of Significance: (Reasons for Listing) attached as Attachment No. 3 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 April 8, 2014 the Toronto and East York Community Council requested the Acting Manager, Heritage Preservation Services to evaluate the property at 55 Sudbury Street for potential listing on the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties and requested the Director, Urban Design to report back to the Toronto and East York Community Council on the results of the evaluation including recommendations.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.TE31.81>

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The property was on offer for sale in early 2014 and subsequently sold. Listing the property on the city's inventory would enable the Heritage Preservation Services to work with new and future owners to ensure any development of the site would retain the heritage attributes of the property.

## **COMMENTS**

Staff have completed the attached Research and Evaluation Summary (Attachment No. 4) for the property at 55 Sudbury Street. As the result of this assessment, staff have determined that the property 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.

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached.

The Reasons for Listing are found in Attachment No. 3. The property at 55 Sudbury Street 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 Sudbury Street, at the junction with Dovercourt Road, the original Diamond Glass Company (c1899-1900) building is an important representative and well-crafted example of a late-Victorian style factory office building. It is valued for its historical association with the manufacturing sector which developed adjacent to the railway lines introduced to the City in the 1850s and which provided employment and spurred the economic and social development of this portion of the City. Diamond Glass became the Dominion Glass Company Ltd. in 1913 which became Canada's biggest manufacturer of glass with factories nation-wide and continues today as DomGlas a subsidiary of the Power Corporation. The company is also credited for its contribution to Canadian decorative arts as their products have become collectors' items and are featured in the collections of the Royal Ontario Museum. The building is important as one of the few remaining structures from the original Diamond Glass Company manufacturing site. Contextually the office building maintains and supports the historic character of the area

where it remains visually and historically linked to its surroundings. Surrounded by late 20th century townhouses and more recent towers the history as well as the quality of the design and detail of 55 Sudbury Street is valued for its contribution to the neighbourhood. Its prominent location at the junction of Dovercourt Road and Sudbury Street contributes to its quality as a unique local landmark.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1 - Location Map  
Attachment No. 2 - Photographs  
Attachment No. 3 - Reasons for Listing  
Attachment No. 4 - Research and Evaluation Summary