



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 14 Dewhurst Boulevard

<b>Date:</b>	December 31, 2014
<b>To:</b>	Toronto Preservation Board Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Urban Design, City Planning Division
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto Danforth – Ward 29
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2015\Cluster B\PLN\TEYCC\TE15004

#### SUMMARY

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This report recommends that City Council state its intention to designate the property at 14 Dewhurst Boulevard, (Temple Baptist Church) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value and include the property on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. Located on the west side of Dewhurst Boulevard north of Danforth Avenue, Temple Baptist Church (recently known as Westminster Chapel) is a two-and-a-half storey brick building completed in 1913 with a large two-and-a-half storey brick extension completed in 1925.

Following research and evaluation, staff have determined that the property at 14 Dewhurst Boulevard meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. The designation of the property would identify the property's heritage values and attributes and enable City Council to control alterations to the site, enforce heritage property standards and maintenance, and refuse demolition.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**The City Planning Division recommends that:**

1. City Council include the property at 14 Dewhurst Boulevard on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

2. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 14 Dewhurst Boulevard, (Temple Baptist Church) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 14 Dewhurst Boulevard (Reasons for Designation) attached as Attachment No. 3 to the report (December 31, 2014) from the Director, Urban Design, City Planning Division.
3. If there are no objections to the designation in accordance with Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the bill in Council designating the property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.
4. If there are objections in accordance with Section 29(7) of the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council direct the City Clerk to refer the designation to the Conservation Review Board.
5. If the designation 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 designation of the property.

### **Financial Impact**

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

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At its meeting of June 17, 2014 the Toronto East York Community Council requested that Heritage Preservation staff assess the heritage value of 14 Dewhurst Boulevard, with regard to designating the property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.TE33.90>

### **COMMENTS**

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photograph (Attachment No. 2) are attached. Staff have completed the attached Heritage Property Research and Evaluation Report (Attachment No. 4) and determined that the property at 14 Dewhurst Boulevard meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, the criteria prescribed for municipal designation.

The property at 14 Dewhurst Boulevard is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design, associative and contextual value. Located on the west side of Dewhurst Boulevard just north of Danforth Avenue, the building historically known as Temple Baptist Church (1913 and 1925) is valued for its historical associations with the Baptist congregation in the Danforth Community and the architect George Thomas Evans. Its design values are evident in the 1925 addition in the form, materials and details of the

building which make it a fine representative of a revival of the Georgian Classical Style and a rare example of this style in Toronto churches. Located on the west side of Dewhurst Boulevard, its distinctive architectural character makes it a longstanding and significant local landmark, and an important contributor to the historic character of the Danforth neighbourhood. The original 1913 portion of the property, which in recent years housed the Sunday School exclusively, was partly demolished in 1925, losing its tower, and is not recommended for designation.

The Reasons for Designation (Statement of Significance) found in Attachment No. 3 are the Public Notice of Intention to Designate and will be advertised on the City of Toronto's web site in accordance with the City of Toronto Act provisions and served on the property owners and on the Ontario Heritage Trust according to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1 – Location Map  
Attachment No. 2 – Photographs  
Attachment No. 3 – Reasons for Designation (Statement of Significance)  
Attachment No. 4 – Heritage Property Research and Evaluation Report