August 11, 2015

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Toronto Preservation Board

Subject: Amendment of Designating By-law and Authority to Amend Existing Heritage Easement Agreement - 131 Farnham Avenue

Recommendations:

The Toronto Preservation Board recommends to the Toronto and East York Community Council that:

1. City Council state its intention to amend the former City of Toronto By-law No. 10-77 to revise the Reasons for Designation as described in the Statement of Significance: 131 Farnham Avenue, Attachment 4 to the report (July 16, 2015) from the Director, Urban Design, City Planning Division to identify the cultural heritage value or interest and describe the heritage attributes.

2. If there are no objections to the proposed amendment in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary bill in Council amending designating By-law No.10-77.

3. If there are objections in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council direct the City Clerk to refer the proposed amendment to the Conservation Review Board.

4. If the proposed amendment 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 to amend the Designating by-law.

5. City Council include the views identified in this report in an amendment to the Official Plan Public Realm Policy, Section 3.1.1., Schedule 4.

6. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to amend the existing HEA, registered on title for the heritage property at 131 Farnham Avenue, Instrument No. CA332829, dated 15 February, 1995 and on file with the Manager, Heritage Preservation Services.

7. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce any necessary bill in Council to amend the HEA.

Background:

The Toronto Preservation Board on July 28, 2015, considered the following:
1. (July 16, 2015) Report from the Director, Urban Design, City Planning, regarding Amendment of Designating By-law and Authority to Amend Existing Heritage Easement Agreement - 131 Farnham Avenue

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