

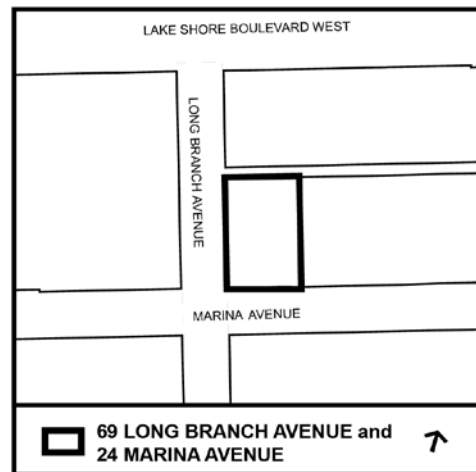
Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 69 Long Branch Avenue and 24 Marina Avenue

Date:	February 29, 2016
To:	Toronto Preservation Board Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division
Wards:	Etobicoke Lakeshore – Ward 6
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SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council state its intention to designate the properties at 69 Long Branch Avenue and 24 Marina Avenue, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for their cultural heritage value and include the property at 24 Marina Avenue on the City of Toronto Heritage Register. The property at 69 Long Branch Avenue was listed on the Heritage Register in 2006 and contains the former St. Agnes' Church, a gable-roofed church building with a spire, and a flat-roofed narthex (entry). The property at 24 Marina Avenue contains a gable-roofed, two-storey rectory. A flat-roofed block including the chapel and office spans both properties linking the church and rectory. All were completed in 1958 and are located at the north-east corner of Long Branch Avenue and Marina Avenue.

Following research and evaluation, staff have determined that the properties at 69 Long Branch Avenue and 24 Marina Avenue meet Ontario Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under the Ontario Heritage Act that is also used by the City when evaluating properties for inclusion on the Heritage Register.



RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council include the property at 24 Marina Avenue on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register.
2. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 69 Long Branch Avenue under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act in accordance with the Statement of Significance (Reasons for Designation): 69 Long Branch Avenue attached as Attachment No. 3 to the report (February 29, 2016) from the Chief Planner & Executive Director, City Planning Division.
3. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 24 Marina Avenue under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act in accordance with the Statement of Significance (Reasons for Designation): 24 Marina Avenue attached as Attachment No. 4 to the report (February 29, 2016) from the Chief Planner & Executive Director, City Planning Division.
4. If there are no objections to the designations in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the bills in Council designating the properties under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.
5. If there are objections in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council direct the City Clerk to refer the designations to the Conservation Review Board.
6. If the designations are 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 designations of the properties.

Financial Impact

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

DECISION HISTORY

The property at 69 Long Branch Avenue was listed on the Heritage Inventory of the former City of Etobicoke. Following the amalgamation of the current City of Toronto, the property was included in the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties (now known as the Heritage Register), which was confirmed by City Council at its meeting of September 25-27, 2006.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2006/agendas/council/cc060925/plt6rpt/cl003.pdf>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The properties at 69 Long Branch Avenue and 24 Marina Avenue contain a church and rectory respectively. The properties were sold by the original Anglican congregation in 2008 to the Polish Full-Gospel Church who sold them in 2015 to a private numbered company.

Designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, Section 29 and inclusion on the Heritage Register will help to ensure that the cultural heritage value and heritage attributes of the two properties are identified and conserved.

COMMENTS

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) of the properties at 69 Long Branch Avenue and 24 Marina Avenue are attached.

Staff have completed the attached Research and Evaluation Summary (Attachment No. 5) and determined that the properties are worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for their cultural heritage value, and meet the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario, Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the three categories of design, associative and contextual values.

The design value of the former St. Agnes' Church and rectory, constructed in 1958, is evident as it is representative of the Ecclesiastical Modern style which emerged in Toronto after World War II combining traditional church forms and symbols in a modern style. The properties are valued for their association with the noted architectural firm, Murray Brown & Elton. They are also valued for their historical association with the growth of St. Agnes' Anglican parish, which served a variety of cultural and social functions within the local community and was part of the growth and development of Long Branch from its origins as a summer resort in 1883, to its current status as a City of Toronto lakefront neighbourhood. Located on the north-east corner of Long Branch and Marina avenues, the former St. Agnes' Church and rectory remains an important neighbourhood landmark.

The Statements of Significance found in Attachment No. 3 for the property at 69 Long Branch Avenue and in Attachment No. 4 for the property at 24 Marina Avenue comprise the Reasons for Designation, which is 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 Ontario Heritage Trust according to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment No. 1 – Location Map
- Attachment No. 2 – Photographs
- Attachment No. 3 – Statement of Significance (Reasons for Designation) 69 Long Branch Avenue
- Attachment No. 4 – Statement of Significance (Reasons for Designation) 24 Marina Avenue
- Attachment No. 5 – Heritage Property Research and Evaluation Report