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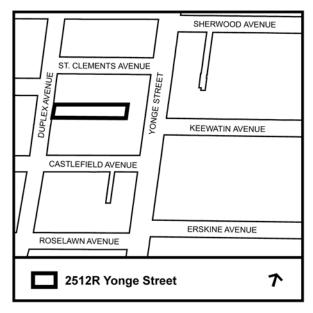
# Inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register – 2512R Yonge Street

Date:	September 12, 2016
То:	Toronto Preservation Board North York Community Council
From:	Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division
Wards:	Eglinton - Lawrence – Ward 16
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### SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council include the property at 2512R Yonge Street on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register for its cultural heritage value.

The property is located in the Yonge-Eglinton neighbourhood, on a private laneway south off St. Clements Avenue, and contains a one storey building known as Eglinton Orange Hall that was originally built as a common school in 1851. The subject property is one of the oldest surviving buildings in the area of north Toronto.



#### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### The City Planning Division recommends that:

 City Council include the property at 2512R Yonge Street on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register in accordance with the Statement of Significance (Reasons for Inclusion): 2512R Yonge Street attached as Attachment No. 3 to the report (September 12, 2016) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division.

#### **Financial Impact**

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

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of July 12, 2016, City Council adopted PG13.1 "Midtown in Focus: Growth, Built Form and Infrastructure Review - Status Report" including the findings and emerging directions of the first phase of the review. <u>http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.PG13.1</u>

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The property at 2512R Yonge Street contains one of the few surviving buildings from the 1850s settlement in Yonge and Eglinton Area. It was built as a one room common school for School Section No.2 (S.S.2) in 1851 and afterward operated as an Anglican Church and later a Presbyterian Church. Since 1909, the property has been known as Eglinton Orange Hall. The property has been altered to adjust a variety of uses including church and Orange Hall.<sup>1</sup>

The subject property is located within the current Midtown in Focus Study area. A Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment is being undertaken as part of the Built Form study to identify properties of cultural heritage value or interest and outline recommendations for further study, conservation, listings and designations. The Eglinton Orange Hall has been identified as a cultural heritage resource.

In March 2016, a nomination to designate the property at 2512R Yonge Street on the under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act was submitted by individual nominators with the support of the North York Preservation Panel, the North Toronto Historical Society and several residents' associations in the north Toronto area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No documentation found specifying the date of alterations.

Under the Ontario Heritage Act, the owner of a property on the Heritage Register is required to give 60 days' notice of intention to demolish a building or structure.

#### COMMENTS

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

The property at 2512R Yonge Street has been evaluated according to Ontario Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act that the City also applies when considering properties for inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register. The results of the evaluation are included in the Research and Evaluation Summary (Attachment No. 4) and inform the Statement of Significance (Reasons for Inclusion) that is attached as Attachment No. 3.

The property at 2512R Yonge Street has design, associative and contextual values. Located on a private laneway accessed by St. Clements Avenue and behind the property at 2506 Yonge Street, the subject property contains a one storey building, known as Eglinton Orange Hall. The property is valued as it is one the oldest surviving buildings in the north Toronto area, built in 1851 as a common school for S.S.2. The value of the property is also linked to its association with historical evolution of north Toronto public schools, connection with the St. Clement's Anglican Church and Presbyterian Church, its association with Orange Lodge, which historically and physically connects the property to its surrounding contexts.

The Statement of Significance (Attachment No. 3) for the property at 2512R Yonge Street comprises the Reasons for Inclusion and identifies the cultural heritage values and attributes of the property.

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## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 – Location Map

Attachment No. 2 – Location Map and Photographs, 2512R Yonge St.

Attachment No. 3 – Statement of Significance (Reasons for Inclusion) 2512R Yonge St.

Attachment No. 4 – Research and Evaluation Summary