Request for Heritage Evaluation – 635 Queen Street East

Date: January 7, 2016

To: Toronto Preservation Board
   Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division

Wards: Toronto Danforth – Ward 30

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SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council receive the heritage evaluation of the property at 635 Queen Street East. The report concludes that this property should not be included on the City of Toronto Heritage Register or designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The property contains a three-storey brick warehouse building completed in 1950 and located on the south side of Queen Street East between the East Don Roadway and Broadview Avenue.

At its meeting of November 10, 2015, Toronto and East York Community Council requested that the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services report on the results of an evaluation of the cultural heritage value of this property and provide a recommendation for its inclusion on the City's Heritage Register. Following research and evaluation, staff have determined that the property at 635 Queen Street East does not 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 receive the Heritage Evaluation for the property at 635 Queen Street East for information.

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

DECISION HISTORY
The property is located within the current Queen Street East Heritage Conservation District Study area. At its meeting of October 2, 2012, City Council adopted the report recommending the area be given prioritization and a study initiated.


At its meeting of November 10, 2015, the Toronto and East York Community Council (TEYCC) directed the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services to report to the February 23, 2016 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council on the results of an evaluation of the cultural heritage value of the properties adjacent to the Riverside Square development, including 635, 639, 641, 643, 650, 651, 653, 655, 658, 666, 668, 670, 672, 682-688, 685 and 696 Queen Street East and any recommendations as supported by this evaluation for the inclusion of these properties on the City's Heritage Register.


ISSUE BACKGROUND
The property at 635 Queen Street East contains a three-storey, brick-clad, flat-roofed, warehouse building which was evaluated for individual significance. The property is located within the current Queen Street East Heritage Conservation District Study area and will be evaluated for its contribution to the District's significance as part of that Study.

COMMENTS
A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached. Staff have completed the attached Research and Evaluation Summary (Attachment No. 3) which provides historic background information and an analysis of the property.

Following research, the property was evaluated according to Regulation 9/06, the criteria prescribed by the Province of Ontario for designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, which the City also applies when assessing properties for potential inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. The property at 635
Queen Street East contains a warehouse building completed in 1950 that does not meet the criteria for listing and/or designation.

This report is not determinative for any other purposes and does not preclude the inclusion of this property in a potential designation of the Queen Street East Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment No. 1 – Location Map
Attachment No. 2 – Photographs
Attachment No. 3 – Heritage Property Research and Evaluation Report