Inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register - 15 Duncan Street

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To: Toronto Preservation Board
Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division

Wards: Trinity-Spadina - Ward 20

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SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council include the property at 15 Duncan Street (including the entrance address at 166 Pearl Street) on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register. Located on the northeast corner of Duncan and Pearl streets, the property contains the Canada Printing Ink Building (1903), which is an important surviving industrial building that contributes to the character of the King-Spadina neighbourhood.

The property at 15 Duncan Street adjoins the properties at 158 Pearl Street and 19 Duncan Street, which are the subjects of separate development applications. Together, the three properties form an important surviving group of former historic industrial buildings that are included in the proposed King-Spadina Heritage Conservation District Plan, which is currently being undertaken by City Planning.

The inclusion of the property at 15 Duncan Street on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register would enable heritage staff to monitor the site and encourage the retention of its heritage values and attributes in any proposed or adjacent development.
RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council include the property at 15 Duncan Street (including the entrance address at 166 Pearl Street) on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register in accordance with the Statement of Significance (Reasons for Inclusion): 15 Duncan Street attached as Attachment No. 3 to the report (January 19, 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.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
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Properties on the Heritage Register will be conserved and maintained in accordance with Official Plan Heritage Policies and consistent with the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

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 15 Duncan 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 contained 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.

Located on the northeast corner of Duncan and Pearl streets, the property at 15 Duncan Street has design, associative and contextual value. The Canada Printing Ink Company Building (1903) is a fine representative example of an industrial building that was designed in the Edwardian Classical style by the architectural partnership of Gregg and Gregg as part of the historical development of the King-Spadina neighbourhood when it became Toronto's new manufacturing centre after the Great Fire of 1904. Contextually, the Canada Printing Ink Company Building contributes to the character of the King-Spadina neighbourhood where it is historically and visually linked to its setting as part of an enclave of three adjoining industrial buildings that anchor the northeast corner of Duncan and Pearl streets.
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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment No. 1 - Location Map
Attachment No. 2 - Photographs
Attachment No. 3 - Statement of Significance (Reasons for Inclusion)
Attachment No. 4 – Research and Evaluation Summary