

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

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**Creation of a City-Wide Heritage Survey - by Councillor David Shiner, seconded by Mayor John Tory**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Growth Management Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor David Shiner, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to report back to the Planning and Growth Management Committee in September 2017 on the creation of a City-wide heritage survey to 'list' all buildings that have potential heritage value, such report to include:

- a. a timeline for enactment of the survey;
- b. a plan to conduct public consultation;
- c. a system of prioritization for buildings and areas under threat of development;
- d. an engagement plan to recruit and train local volunteers to assist in the survey; and
- e. any additional costs associated with the survey.

**Summary**

The loss of 2444 Yonge Street identified the urgent need to better protect Toronto's built heritage. To prevent the loss of another historic but unprotected building, I propose that Toronto engage in a City-wide survey of heritage structures to identify and list all the structures that may have heritage value. A similar approach has been employed in other cities and has been effective in protecting heritage buildings.

Enacting a heritage survey was recently endorsed by several heritage experts as a better way to protect this City's buildings. City staff currently list buildings when undertaking a local area studies, however this approach has not reacted to the rapid pace of development and has left many areas of the City without adequate heritage protection. A more proactive approach would ensure that buildings outside of study areas are better protected. Furthermore, this process

would give greater clarity to property owners with regards to the City's intentions to enact restrictions on their buildings.

Finally, a heritage survey would allow us to harness the energy and expertise of public volunteers to help identify and protect Toronto's built heritage.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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