Alterations to a Heritage Property and Authority to Enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement - 25 Ontario Street

Board Decision
The Toronto Preservation Board recommends to the Toronto and East York Community Council that:

1. City Council approve the alterations to the heritage property at 25 Ontario Street, in accordance with Section 33 of the Ontario Heritage Act, to allow for the construction of a new 22 storey office tower on the lands known municipally in the year 2017 as 25 Ontario Street and a portion of 280 King Street East, which is the subject of a Zoning By-law Amendment application, with such alterations substantially in accordance with plans and drawings dated August 9, 2016 and revised June 16, 2017, prepared by Sweeny and Company Architects on file with the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services; and the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), prepared by ERA Architects Inc., dated August 10, 2016 and revised June 21, 2017, and on file with the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services, all subject to and in accordance with a Conservation Plan satisfactory to the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services and subject to the following additional conditions:

a. That prior to the introduction of the bills for such Zoning By-law Amendment by City Council, the owner shall:

1. Enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement with the City for the property at 25 Ontario Street and a portion of 280 King Street East in accordance with the plans and drawings dated August 9, 2016 and revised June 16, 2017, prepared by Sweeny and Company Architects, and on file with the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services, the Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by ERA Architects Inc., dated August 10, 2016 and revised June 21, 2017, and in accordance with the Conservation Plan required in Recommendation 1.a.2 in the report dated July 31, 2017 from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services including registration of such agreement to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor;

2. Provide a detailed Conservation Plan, prepared by a qualified heritage consultant, that is consistent with the conservation strategy set out in the Heritage Impact Assessment for 25 Ontario Street prepared by ERA Architects, dated August 10, 2016
and revised June 21, 2017, to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services;

3. Enter into and register on the property at 25 Ontario Street and a portion of 280 King Street East one or more agreements with the City pursuant to Section 37 of the Planning Act to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, and the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services with such facilities, services and matters to be set forth in the related site specific Zoning By-law Amendment giving rise to the proposed alterations.

b. That prior to Final Site Plan approval in Connection with the Zoning By-law Amendment for the property at 25 Ontario Street and a portion of 280 King Street East, the owner shall:

1. Provide final site plan drawings substantially in accordance with the approved Conservation Plan required in Recommendation 1.a.2 in the report dated July 31, 2017 from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services;

2. Have obtained final approval for the necessary Zoning By-law Amendment required for the subject property, such Amendment to have come into full force and effect;

3. Provide an Interpretation Plan for the subject property, to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services and thereafter shall implement such Plan to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services;

4. Provide a Heritage Lighting Plan that describes how the exterior of the heritage property will be sensitively illuminated to enhance its heritage character to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services and thereafter shall implement such Plan to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager Heritage Preservation Services; and

5. Submit a Signage Plan to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services.

c. That prior to the issuance of any permit for all or any part of the property at 25 Ontario Street or a portion of 280 King Street East, including a heritage permit or a building permit, but excluding permits for repairs and maintenance and usual and minor works for the existing heritage building as are acceptable to the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services, the owner shall:

1. Have obtained final approval for the necessary Zoning By-law Amendment required for the subject property, such Amendment to have come into full force and effect;

2. Provide building permit drawings, including notes and specifications for the conservation and protective measures keyed to the approved Conservation Plan required in Recommendation 1.a.2 in the report July 31, 2017 from Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, including a description of materials and finishes, to be prepared by the project architect and a qualified heritage consultant to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services;

3. Provide a Letter of Credit, including provision for upwards indexing, in a form and
amount and from a bank satisfactory to the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services to secure all work included in the approved Conservation Plan and Interpretation Plan;

d. That prior to the release of the Letter of Credit required in Recommendation 1.c.3 in the report July 31, 2017 from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, the owner shall:

1. Provide a letter of substantial completion prepared and signed by a qualified heritage consultant confirming that the required conservation work and the required interpretive work has been completed in accordance with the Conservation Plan and Interpretation Plan and that an appropriate standard of conservation has been maintained, all to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services;

2. Provide replacement Heritage Easement Agreement photographs to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services.

2. City Council authorize the entering into of a Heritage Easement Agreement under Section 37 of the Ontario Heritage Act with the owner of 25 Ontario Street and a portion of 280 King Street East in a form and with content satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning.

3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary bill in Council authorizing the entering into a Heritage Easement Agreement for the property at 25 Ontario Street and a portion of 280 King Street East.

**Origin**
(July 31, 2017) Report from Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division

**Summary**
This report recommends that City Council approve the conservation strategy generally described for the heritage property located at 25 Ontario Street (the Drug Trading Company Administrative Office) in connection with the proposed redevelopment of the subject property. The applicant has applied for a Zoning Amendment to allow for the construction of a 23-storey office tower containing 41,239 square metres of office space. The Drug Trading Company Administrative Office would be incorporated into the base of the new building. Should Council endorse this strategy, staff recommend that the property owner be required to enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement to ensure the property's long-term protection.

**Background Information**
(July 31, 2017) Report and Attachments 1 - 5 from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division - Alterations to a Heritage Property and Authority to Enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement - 25 Ontario Street
(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/pb/bgrd/backgroundfile-105939.pdf)