

Authority to Enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement - 156 Front Street West

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To: Toronto Preservation Board
Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Urban Design, City Planning
Wards: Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina

SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council grant authority for the execution of a Heritage Easement Agreement under Section 37 of the Ontario Heritage Act for the property at 156 Front Street West and that Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce any necessary bill in Council to this effect. A Heritage Easement Agreement will allow for the protection of the Part V designated heritage property in perpetuity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Urban Design, City Planning recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the entering into of a heritage easement agreement under Section 37 of the Ontario Heritage Act with the owner of 156 Front Street West in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning.
2. 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 156 Front Street West.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

On July 27, 2006, City Council enacted By-law No.634-2006 designating the Union Station Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act.

At its meeting of August 25, 2014, City Council adopted a report from the Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District entitled, "156-174 Front Street West and 43-51 Simcoe Street - Zoning Amendment Application - Final Report" which allowed for the development of a 54-storey commercial office tower.

COMMENTS

As a condition of rezoning applications City Council requires that the owner of the subject property enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement under Section 37 of the Ontario Heritage Act. A Heritage Easement Agreement is a legal agreement that is entered into between the property owner and the City and is registered on title. The agreement will identify the heritage attributes of the property that are to be retained in perpetuity.

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