

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM6.14	ACTION			Ward: All
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Preserving Our Industrial Heritage - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to report on the evaluation of the Unilever Soap Factory at 21 Don Roadway under Ontario Regulation 9/06, the criteria prescribed for municipal designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, to the September 12, 2023 meeting of the Toronto Preservation Board and the October 11, 12 and 13, 2023 meeting of City Council.

Summary

Cadillac Fairview has issued an updated proposal for the East Harbour site, which is now under a Ministerial Zoning Order. Unlike the previously approved plan, this one demolishes the massive soap factory building, Lever Plant No.2, effectively erasing the site's industrial heritage.

The soap factory has been a Toronto landmark since the 1890s and presents a fantastic opportunity for adaptive reuse. Repurposing heritage buildings adds a richness to the built environment and offers character and historical reference that cannot be replicated. Preserving our heritage and sustainable development play an important role in the life of our cities.

There are many good reasons the soap factory should be maintained and preserved as a celebrated part of our history.

Background Information (City Council)

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