

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Request to Consider Heritage Designation at 3100 Weston Road - by Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak

** 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 Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to evaluate a property listed on the Heritage Register, at 3100 Weston Road, for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, and report to the Toronto Preservation Board and the Planning and Housing Committee.

Summary

The property at 3100 Weston road includes the Carmine Stefano Community Centre, formerly Saint Basil-The-Great College School, the Rivermede house and the Marian Shrine of Gratitude, as well as a parking lot and several soccer fields, all located steps away from the banks of the Humber River.

The Rivermede house, built in 1928 served as the picturesque summer home of the Gardiner family. In 1961 the Basilian Fathers acquired the property and built Saint Basil-The-Great College School, including with sports fields and a pool, formerly used by those visiting the Rivermede estate. In the years following, the pool was filled in to create the Marian Shrine of Gratitude, a unique place for prayer, reflection, and healing. It has touched the lives of thousands of Torontonians for nearly two decades. In 1998 the high school was relocated nearby and since then the former school has been leased by the City of Toronto for the Carmine Stefano Community Centre.

This site has been the centre of the community for over 80 years, as a reprieve from City life, place for spiritual and educational growth and recreation. With this motion I am asking staff to consider the immense heritage value of all aspects of the property at 3100 Weston Road.

Background Information (City Council)

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