

## Toronto Preservation Board

<b>Meeting No.</b>	9	<b>Contact</b>	Matthew Green, Committee Administrator
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Tuesday, September 12, 2023	<b>Phone</b>	416-392-4666
<b>Start Time</b>	9:30 AM	<b>E-mail</b>	hertpb@toronto.ca
<b>Location</b>	Video Conference	<b>Chair</b>	Sandra Shaul

<b>PB9.3</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	Adopted		Ward: 13
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### **509 Parliament Street - Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act**

#### **Board Decision**

The Toronto Preservation Board recommends that:

1. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 509 Parliament Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act in accordance with the Statement of Significance; 509 Parliament Street (Reasons for Designation) attached as Attachment 3 to the report (August 21, 2023) from the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning.
2. If there are no objections to the designation, City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the Bill in Council designating the property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

#### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

Clint Robertson, Planner, Heritage Preservation, Urban Design, City Planning gave a presentation on 509 Parliament Street - Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

#### **Origin**

(August 21, 2023) Report from the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning

#### **Summary**

At its meeting on September 12, 2023 the Toronto Preservation Board considered Item [PB9.3](#) and made recommendations to City Council.

Summary from the report (August 21, 2023) from the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning:

This report recommends that City Council state its intention to designate the property at 509 Parliament Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value according to the Statement of Significance and description of Heritage Attributes found in Attachment 3.

The property at 509 Parliament Street, is located on the east side of Parliament Street and north of Carlton Street in Cabbagetown. The theatre has been an arts and entertainment venue in the heart of Cabbagetown for more than 90 years. Originally known as the Carlton Theatre, the building was designed in a Classical Revival style in 1929 by Architect Herbert Duerr, known for his theatre designs from the late 1920s to the late 1940s. The building was home to the Carlton Theatre from 1930-1954, followed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation 1954-1995 where the popular comedy show, "Air Farce", later known as "Royal Canadian Air Farce", was produced in the building from 1978 through the 1990s where it featured a live studio audience, and since 1995 is owned and operated by the Canadian Children's Dance Theatre, now known as the Canadian Contemporary Dance Theatre.

The property was listed on the City's Heritage Register on March 29, 2023.

Staff have undertaken research and evaluation and determined that the property at 509 Parliament Street meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, the criteria prescribed for municipal designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act under the Design / Physical, Historical / Associative and Contextual criteria categories. A property may be designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, if it meets two or more of the nine criteria.

In March 2023 the City received a rezoning application to permit the development on site for a 10-storey mixed use building containing 85 dwelling units and retail at grade. The development proposes the retention of the existing façade at 509 Parliament Street. The adjacent building to the south at 505-507 Parliament Street is to be demolished.

The City Clerk issued a complete application notice on May 5, 2023. Council must make its decision at its October 11-13, 2023, meeting to provide sufficient time for the City Clerk to issue a notice of intention to designate before the waiver provided by the owner expires on October 31, 2023.

### **Background Information**

(August 21, 2023) Report and Attachments 1-3 from the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning on 509 Parliament Street - Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.  
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/pb/bgrd/backgroundfile-238808.pdf>)

Staff Presentation on 509 Parliament Street - Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act  
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/pb/bgrd/backgroundfile-239184.pdf>)

### **Communications**

(September 11, 2023) Letter from Andrea Skinner, Aird & Berlis LLP (PB.New)  
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/pb/comm/communicationfile-172200.pdf>)

### **Speakers**

Philip Evans, ERA Architects

### **Motions**

*Motion to Adopt Item moved by Barbara McPhail (Carried)*