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Revising Heritage Designation Status for 100 College Street

Summary:

Through multiple discussions with the University of Toronto, it has become clear that it is not advisable to designate 100 College Street under the Ontario Heritage Act. It would significantly impact a major economic asset, thousands of jobs, and a site for life sciences innovation in the City. Moreover, the analysis provided by UofT makes a compelling case that the building itself does not merit designation. I will continue to work with the University on a commemoration plan that will highlight the legacy of Banting and Best and will incorporate the current 100 College Street door in an external display. The University has provided written assurances of these actions through the attached letter from President Gertler. For these reasons I am recommending the following.

Recommendation:

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to secure a commemorative strategy for acknowledgment of the University of Toronto's discoveries in life sciences including Banting and Best's work on Insulin, Till and McCulloch's discovery of stem cells, and its continued work in the area of regenerative medicine, at the time of development.