



NOTICE OF MOTION

Advancing a Heritage Conservation District for Corktown

Moved by: Councillor

Moise

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor

Malik

SUMMARY:

This motion is to request staff review the Corktown neighbourhood for its potential to become a future heritage conservation district (HCD).

The neighbourhood, largely bounded between Shuter Street to the north, Front Street/Eastern Avenue to the south, Berkeley Street to the west and the Don River to the east, has a number of listed heritage properties that [were identified through the 2019 update to the King Parliament Secondary Plan](#).

From that report:

The King-Parliament area includes some of Toronto's oldest neighbourhoods and commercial and industrial areas. Within its boundaries are cultural heritage resources, including built heritage, cultural heritage landscapes, and archaeology that reflect the long evolution of the area, from ancient Indigenous habitation through the late-18th century founding of the Town of York, to the present day. The contemporary road network and built form of the area reflects its evolution from a primarily residential and commercial area in the first half of the 19th century, to a commercial and industrial area with pockets of working class housing by the end of the 20th century.

Following a canvas of Corktown residents, a local resident and heritage advocate, Coralina Lemos, reached out to my office requesting support to move a potential HCD for her neighbourhood forward.

With this background and neighbourhood support, I believe it is therefore appropriate to evaluate the Corktown neighbourhood for its potential for a future HCD study in earnest.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning to undertake all necessary steps, including community consultation, to determine whether the Corktown area generally bounded by Shuter Street to the north, Front Street/Eastern Avenue to the south, Berkeley Street to the west and the Don River to the east, or a part thereof, merits authorization for study as a potential Heritage Conservation District under Section 40(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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