

Toronto Preservation Board

Meeting No.: 43

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Meeting Date: Monday, April 27, 2026

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Start Time: 9:30 AM

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Location: Committee Room 1, City Hall/Video Conference

Chair: Julia Rady

PB43.7 - Liberty Village Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment - Final Report

Decision Type: ACTION

Status: Adopted

Ward: 10 - Spadina - Fort York

Board Decision

The Toronto Preservation Board recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council recommend that:

1. City Council identify the properties listed in Attachment 2 to the report (April 14, 2026) from the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning as having cultural heritage value or interest, as identified through the Liberty Village Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment.

Decision Advice and Other Information

Lindsay Parsons, Heritage Planner, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning gave a presentation on Liberty Village Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment - Final Report.

The Toronto Preservation Board:

1. Endorsed the properties listed in Attachment 2 to the report (April 14, 2026) as having cultural heritage value or interest, as identified through the Liberty Village Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment.

Origin

(April 14, 2026) Report from the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning

Summary

At its meeting on April 27, 2026 the Toronto Preservation Board considered Item [PB43.7](#) and made recommendations to City Council.

Summary from the report (April 14, 2026) from the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning:

This report summarizes the findings of the Liberty Village Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment (CHRA) prepared by Heritage Planning staff and requests that the Toronto Preservation Board endorse the list of properties identified within the CHRA as having cultural heritage value.

On December 13, 2023, City Council accepted a settlement which resulted in the conversion and re-designation of lands in Liberty Village west of Hanna Avenue from Core Employment Areas to Regeneration Areas. In the Summer of 2024, the Liberty For All Planning Study (www.toronto.ca/libertyforall) was initiated to establish a comprehensive planning framework for Liberty Village and to set out a long-term vision for the achievement of a complete community centered around transit investment.

The Liberty Village CHRA was initiated as an integral component of the Liberty For All Planning Study.

The CHRA presents an understanding of the Liberty Village CHRA study area as an evolved cultural heritage landscape, comprising a significant area of industrial production, economic activity, and labour activism spanning the mid-nineteenth century to the present. The character of the area is evident in the range of cultural heritage resources, including the late-19th to mid-20th century industrial buildings and complexes that have been adaptively reused, remnant rail spurs, extant smokestacks and courtyard spaces within building complexes and mid-block connections which created permeability through the large blocks to facilitate the movement and storage of raw materials and manufactured goods.

The CHRA makes recommendations intended to conserve, interpret and commemorate the evolved Liberty Village cultural heritage landscape. Recommendations include the identification of 22 properties with cultural heritage value, the retention of extant rail spurs, smokestacks, and courtyards, and the creative commemoration and interpretation of the area's labour history in the public realm. A final recommendation supports the consideration of opportunities to advance truth and reconciliation within new development and public realm design to reflect the values and heritage of Indigenous communities, where supported through consultation with Indigenous communities.

The final report for the Liberty For All Planning Study will be considered by Toronto and East York Community Council and City Council. The findings from the CHRA have informed and guided the development of site and area specific policies, ensuring that heritage considerations are meaningfully integrated. Furthermore, the staff report will recommend that City Council identify the properties listed in Attachment 2 as having cultural heritage value or interest, as identified through the Liberty Village Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment study.

Background Information

(April 14, 2026) Report and Attachments 1 and 2 from the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning on Liberty Village Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment - Final Report

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2026/pb/bqrd/backgroundfile-286084.pdf>)

Attachment 3 - Liberty Village Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2026/pb/bqrd/backgroundfile-286112.pdf>)

Staff Presentation on Liberty Village Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment -
Final Report
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2026/pb/bgrd/backgroundfile-286462.pdf>)

Communications

(April 27, 2026) E-mail from Nicole Corrado (PB.New)

(April 27, 2026) Letter from Caitlin Allan, Partner, Bousfields Inc. (PB.New)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2026/pb/comm/communicationfile-210439.pdf>)