

TORONTO STAFF REPORT

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To: Toronto Preservation Board
Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Policy & Research, City Planning Division

Subject: 2154 Dundas Street West (B. F. Harvey Company Factory) - Inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties
Parkdale-High Park - Ward 14

Purpose:

This report recommends that City Council include the property at 2154 Dundas Street West (B. F. Harvey Company Factory) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council include the property at 2154 Dundas Street West (B. F. Harvey Company Factory) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

Staff have evaluated the property at 2154 Dundas Street West (B. F. Harvey Company Factory) and determined that it merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. The inclusion of the property on the Inventory of Heritage Properties would enable staff to monitor any applications affecting the site and encourage the retention of its character defining features.

Comments:

The Reasons for Listing are listed below. A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photograph (Attachment No. 2) are attached.

Reasons for Listing

The property at 2154 Dundas Street West is recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural resource value or interest. Benjamin F. Harvey financed a factory for the manufacturing of bedding in this location on the northeast corner of Dundas Street West and Ritchie Avenue. A building permit for the project was issued in 1910, and the factory was first listed in the directories and assessment rolls the next year. Architect James Walker prepared the plans. The Toronto Feather and Down Company acquired the site in 1918.

The B. F. Harvey Company Factory is architecturally significant as a good example of early 20th century industrial design influenced by Edwardian Classicism. Contextually, with its height, Classical detailing and placement on a corner lot, the building is a visible feature in the West Toronto Junction neighbourhood.

The heritage attributes of the building are found on the exterior walls and roof. Extending five stories above a raised base with window openings, the structure is covered by a flat roof with a cornice. The building is clad with red brick and trimmed with brick, stone and wood. Attention is focused on the south and west elevations facing Ritchie Avenue and Dundas Street West, respectively. Entrances are placed on the latter walls where piers organize flat-headed industrial-scale window openings. A cornice and a series of diamond motifs separate the third and fourth stories.

Conclusions:

It is recommended that City Council include the property at 2154 Dundas Street West on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

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List of Attachments:

Attachment No. 1 – Location Map (2154 Dundas Street West)
Attachment No. 2 – Photograph (2154 Dundas Street West)



