



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

76 Grenville Street – Inclusion on Heritage Inventory

Date:	September 22, 2008
To:	Toronto Preservation Board Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale – Ward 27
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council include the property at 76 Grenville Street containing Women’s College Hospital on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

The property owner is planning to redevelop. The inclusion of the property on the City’s heritage inventory would enable staff to monitor any proposed changes and encourage the retention of the complex’s heritage values and attributes. The property is recognized as a National Historic Site by the Government of Canada.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that

1. City Council include the property at 76 Grenville Street (Women’s College Hospital) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

Financial Impact

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of June 26, 2007, the Toronto and East York Community Council considered a preliminary report on Official Plan Amendment and Rezoning Applications for the properties at 60-76 Grenville Street and 51 Grosvenor Street. The application proposes to establish building envelopes for the redevelopment of the hospital, permitting

two phases of reconstruction covering approximately three-fifths of the site. The community consultation process is ongoing.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Since the preliminary report was issued, Women's College Hospital has indicated that it now intends to develop the entire site at once, including the potential demolition of the original building on the site. City Planning staff have researched and evaluated the property at 76 Grenville Street containing the central building (1935) and west wing (1956) of Women's College Hospital and determined that it merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. The inclusion of the property on the City's heritage inventory would enable staff to monitor the site and encourage the retention of its heritage values and attributes.

COMMENTS

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and Photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached. The Reasons for Listing (Attachment No. 3) outline the cultural heritage value and heritage attributes of the property.

The property at 76 Grenville Street merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural heritage value. Located on the north side of Grenville Street between Bay Street and Surrey Place, Women's College Hospital (central building, 1935 and south wing, 1956) is valued as an institution devoted to women's health care, research and education, and a neighbourhood landmark that is housed in a purpose-built mid-20th century hospital complex. In 1995, the Government of Canada recognized Women's College Hospital as a National Historic Site.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Location Map
Attachment No. 2: Photographs
Attachment No. 3: Reasons for Listing