

Heritage Easement Agreement - 515 Jarvis Street (Arthur McMaster House) (Downtown)

(City Council on April 11, 12 and 13, 2000, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Toronto Community Council recommends that:

- (1) the following report (March 1, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be adopted; and**
- (2) City Council request the Provincial Government and the Ontario Realty Corporation to return to the practice of informing other levels of government when provincial lands are declared surplus, prior to their public notice for sale.**

The Toronto Community Council submits the following report (March 1, 2000) from the Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:

Purpose:

This report recommends that City Council request the Ontario Realty Corporation to require any future owner of the property at 515 Jarvis Street (Arthur McMaster House) to enter into an Heritage Easement Agreement as a condition of the sale.

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 request the Ontario Realty Corporation to require any future owner of the property at 515 Jarvis Street (Arthur McMaster House) to enter into an Heritage Easement Agreement as a condition of the sale.
- (2) City Council request the Ontario Realty Corporation to consult with the Ontario Heritage Foundation about a provincial Heritage Easement Agreement on the property at 515 Jarvis Street (Arthur McMaster House).
- (3) should an Heritage Easement Agreement not be secured at the time of sale, City Council request any future owner of the property at 515 Jarvis Street (Arthur McMaster House) to enter into an Heritage Easement Agreement with the City of Toronto as a condition of the rezoning of the site.

- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

At its meeting of January 27, 2000, the Toronto Preservation Board adopted the recommendations listed above. At the same meeting, the Toronto Preservation Board considered reports on the adjoining properties at 519 Jarvis Street, 2 Wellesley Place and 4 Wellesley Place. The four properties are currently for sale by the Ontario Realty Corporation. The Board agreed that the properties are nationally significant and that the heritage features of the buildings should be protected by Heritage Easement Agreements.

Comments:

The property at 515 Jarvis Street (Arthur McMaster House) was listed on the *City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties* on June 20, 1973, and designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on November 12, 1975 by By-law #464-75. Constructed for merchant Arthur McMaster in 1868, the house was subsequently acquired by Hart A. Massey, president of the Massey Manufacturing Company (later Massey-Harris), and renamed "Euclid Hall".

Conclusions:

The Toronto Preservation Board recommends that City Council request the Ontario Realty Corporation to require any future owner of the property at 515 Jarvis Street (Arthur McMaster House) to enter into an Heritage Easement Agreement as a condition of the sale.

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