

# **TORONTO** STAFF REPORT

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To: Toronto Preservation Board  
Toronto North Community Council

From: Joe Halstead, Commissioner Economic Development, Culture and Tourism

Subject: 70 Roehampton Avenue (North Toronto Collegiate School) - Inclusion on the  
City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties  
St. Paul's - Ward 22

Purpose:

This report recommends that the property at 70 Roehampton (North Toronto Collegiate School) be included 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 70 Roehampton (North Toronto Collegiate School) 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:

Culture Division staff have evaluated the site and determined that it merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

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

Reasons for Listing:

The property at 70 Roehampton Avenue is recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties as a site of cultural heritage value or interest. North Toronto Collegiate Institute is located on the north side of the street between Redpath Avenue and Yonge Street, above Eglinton Avenue. The building is historically important due to its association with the development of secondary schools in former North Toronto. Built in 1912 in a combination of Collegiate Gothic and Edwardian styles, the design for the original building is attributed to local architects Forsey Page and Stanford Warrington. The building was transformed by a series of additions and alterations that included changes by architects Franklin E. Belfry, Forsey Page & Harland Steele, and Sidney Bregman & George Hamann, among others. Today, North Toronto Collegiate Institute maintains an architecturally pleasing composition and contributes favourably to the context of the street.

Standing three storeys tall on a concrete foundation, the North Toronto Collegiate Institute is constructed of red brick with painted wood and stone trim. Heritage attributes are located on the south (front) and east (side) elevations. The front elevation is symmetrically configured with openings mirrored across the façade. Wood frame windows are set within boxed masonry surrounds and regularly arranged in pairs, singly or in series of five. Ground level openings are supported by brick lintels. The two front entrances are distinguished by prominent vestibules constructed of brick with decorative stone surrounds and shaped parapets with tablet insignia. Glazed and panelled double doors with multi-paned transoms are recessed beneath the pointed arch of the entrance surrounds. The proportions of the collegiate are harmonized by the repetition of vertical piers on the façade and the canted bay windows that extend from the front entrances to the third storey of the school. Horizontal divisions include stringcourses between each storey and the shaped parapet that lines the perimeter of the roof.

The east elevation of the building is characteristically less decorative than the front. There is a blind face on the southern portion of the wall that is relieved by a simple rectangular pattern in brick and a vertical pier at the south east corner. Openings have stone sashes and brick lintels. At ground level they exhibit a two over two pattern, and in the upper storeys windows are of four over one construction. Further north on this elevation, fenestration is grouped in series of five with the boxed surrounds that are displayed at front. An external brick chimney is the most prominent feature. Rising a full storey above the roofline, the chimney is supported by slender buttresses with stone highlights and is hexagonally-shaped at its highest point.

Comments:

Due to the merit of the North Toronto Collegiate School at 70 Roehampton Avenue, Culture Division staff would like to emphasize the timely nature of listing the property on the City Inventory as the property is currently under consideration for redevelopment by the Toronto District School Board.

Conclusions:

It is recom

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List of Attachments:

Attachment No. 1: Location Map

Attachment No. 2: Photograph

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