

 **TORONTO** STAFF REPORT

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To: Toronto Preservation Board
Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Subject: 993 Queen Street East (McCarten House) - Inclusion on the City of Toronto
Inventory of Heritage Properties
Toronto - Danforth - Ward 30

Purpose:

This report recommends that the property at 993 Queen Street East (McCarten House) 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 993 Queen Street East (McCarten House) 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:

At the request of the property owner, staff have evaluated the property and determined that it merits inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. In 2001, Heritage Toronto awarded a Certificate of Commendation to the owner for his restoration of the property. The owner has researched the property and provided the background material to staff.

Comments:

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached.

Reasons for Listing

The property at 993 Queen Street East (McCarten House) is recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for its cultural resource value or interest. The property was constructed in two sections, with the rear (south) portion built in 1887 and the main three-storey block along Queen Street East added in 1895. Henry McCarten commissioned the building as the location of his business, McCarten Flour and Feed, along with his family residence. Following Henry McCarten's death in 1922, his sons, Leo and Harold, operated the business and retained the property until 1944. Located on the south side of Queen Street East, west of Pape Avenue, McCarten House is an excellent example of a commercial building with embellishments drawn from late 19th century Italianate styling.

The heritage attributes of the property are found on the principal (north) façade on Queen Street East and the roof. Rising three storeys under a flat roof, the north wall of McCarten House is clad in red brick with wood and stone detailing. The first floor is divided into three parts, with entrances placed in the outer bays. Wood doors with panelled detailing and glass inserts are surmounted by large transom windows. Between the entrances, a large wood sash window has a multi-paned transom above and a panelled apron below. A decorated wood pilaster is positioned to the right (west) of the window. Its detailing complements the wood cornice with dentils and brackets that extends above the first storey where it is supported by brick and stone piers at either end. The second floor displays a large window opening with a transom in the east bay. The remaining window opening in this level and the pair of window openings in the third storey have stone lintels and sills. Panels with brick detailing are placed beneath the third-floor fenestration. Above courses of brick corbels, a wood cornice with dentils and brackets marks the top of the wall.

Conclusions:

It is recommended that City Council include the property at 993 Queen Street East (McCarten House) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

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List of Attachments:

Attachment No. 1 – Location Map (993 Queen Street East)

Attachment No. 2 – Photographs (993 Queen Street East)