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To the Toronto City Clerk: Please forward the following message to all Members of City Council ASAP today. Many thanks.

Dear Councillors Matlow and Wong-Tam, and Members of Toronto City Council:

The Members of the Toronto and East York Community Preservation Panel would like to express our strong support for Motion MM3.6.

We and the residents of our wards as well as other city residents have watched in dismay as historic buildings are eliminated or gutted to serve as mere marketing posters for developments. Even worse is the practice of "demolition by decay."

We feel that Councillor Matlow and Councillor Wong-Tam's Motion proposing a pre-listing category for properties that may have historic or cultural value, as well as an immediate and comprehensive inventory of properties with potential value that merit further investigation by City Planning should be immediately adopted.

It also may be possible to involve members of the City's many local Historical and Preservation Associations in volunteering to perform some of this preliminary inventory in their wards, in a way similar to that employed by the NeighbourWoods tree-inventory project performed in the Harbord Village neighbourhood in 2007–2008 and 2014.

Sadly, once "clear-cut," examples of our built heritage—a heritage that tells us the story of who we are and how we got here—cannot be replanted. Surely our "heritage canopy" deserves as much protection as our tree canopy!

Please support Councillors Matlow and Wong-Tam's Motion to stem the loss of Toronto's heritage buildings.

Regards,

Dean Maher,
Chair,
Toronto-East York Community Preservation Panel