## **Leaside Property Owners Association Incorporated**

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Jennifer Rieger Chair Toronto Preservation Board c/o 2nd floor, West Tower, City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

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Re: PB5.9 Inclusion on the Heritage Register - 33 Laird Drive

This is to advise the Board that the LPOA supports the listing of this property.

This property is located at the south end of Laird Drive in the Leaside Business Park (i.e. the former Industrial part of Leaside). Much of the eastern side of Laird has changed from industrial to large format commercial, and many of the original industrial and warehouse buildings have been demolished. This means that the ones remaining need to be examined carefully as they represent a diminished asset.

33 Laird has formal Streamlined Modern styling, reflective of its design and construction in the 1940's.

The LPOA supports designation of the building as recommended by the staff report and further recommend that other original buildings in the Leaside Business Park should be examined for heritage value. We note that commercial and industrial buildings are especially vulnerable to demolition as there is no planning requirement for approval of a replacement (before demolition) unlike the situation with residential development.

Sincerely

Geoff Kettel with Carol Burtin Fripp Co-Presidents

c.c. Councillor Jon Burnside
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