

Toronto Preservation Board
Committee Room 1, City Hall
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

July 28, 2015

Re: West Annex Phase 1 Heritage Conservation District

Dear Chair and Members,

As the City Councillor for Ward 20, I am writing today to express my enthusiastic support of the Madison Avenue (West Annex Phase 1) Heritage Conservation District study.

Madison Avenue is home to unique and beautiful Toronto architecture, blended from the Queen Anne and Romanesque Revival architectural styles, dating back to the late 19th Century. This style is indigenous to Toronto and was pioneered by celebrated Toronto architect, E.J. Lennox, famous for building Old City Hall amongst other iconic buildings.

I grew up nearby and have always adored walking and riding my bike down Madison Avenue, admiring the beauty and rich history of the street. One of the most valuable assets this City has are the distinct neighbourhoods that exist and flourish within the larger whole. If we are to support and empower our neighbourhoods and communities, it starts with making efforts to retain what makes them unique.

It is in this spirit that I wholeheartedly support the establishment of a Madison Avenue Heritage Conservation District, to ensure the protection and celebration of this vibrant and beautiful area of Toronto.

Sincerely,

Joe Cressy
City Councillor
Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina