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Toronto Preservation Board
Toronto City Hall, 2nd floor, West Tower
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Clerk, Lourdes Bettencourt

RE: PB14.4 - Alterations to a Designated Heritage Property and Authority to Enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement - 774-776 Yonge Street (William Luke Buildings)

Dear Members of the Toronto Preservation Board :

The Bay Cloverhill Community Association (BCCA) has been represented by Kathryn Holden, one of our Executive members, at the four Working Group meetings for 1 Bloor Street West. Ms. Holden has kept us informed as to the details of the 1 Bloor Street West re-development project. That includes the plans for the restoration of the William Luke Buildings, located at 774 and 776 Yonge Street. These buildings constitute the sole surviving heritage buildings within this Mizrahi development.

The BCCA agrees with Ms. Holden that since the William Luke Buildings are the sole remaining heritage buildings being retained on the 1 Bloor West site, their facades should be given the highest possible level of conservation and restoration. They should be returned to their original style of the 1880's.

,We request that our BCCA recommendation for the highest level of historic detail be made to the TEYCC in the Toronto Preservation Board letter to the upcoming local council meeting of May 10, 2016.

Respectfully,

Rick Whitten-Stovall, BCCA President

cc: Mary MacDonald, Manager, Heritage Preservation Services
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