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Dear Mayor Tory & Members of Council

Following the demolition of the iconic Stollery's building at 1 Bloor West, and the wanton demolition of a 110-year-old Bank of Montreal branch at 2444 Yonge, it became clear that Toronto was lacking the necessary tools to proactively identify properties with heritage value, and protect them throughout a period of rapid growth and development pressure. That's why I moved a motion in 2015, Seconded by Councillor Wong-Tam, requesting our City Planning department to stay ahead of the wrecking ball, by studying the feasibility of initiating a citywide heritage survey.

I strongly support the recommendations that Heritage Preservation Staff have prepared to initiate this comprehensive, multi-year implementation plan. The Heritage Survey will help preserve the vibrancy of our communities, while providing greater clarity and predictability throughout the entire development process.

Toronto has an important story to tell through its buildings and architecture. The work that Heritage is undertaking will help ensure that story can still be told many generations from now.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Matlow". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "M".

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