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## Agenda Item PB7.9 City-Wide Heritage Survey

Dear Preservation Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (Provincial organization) to express our support for the proposed City-wide Heritage Study.

Since 1933 ACO members have saved and celebrated built heritage and cultural landscapes throughout Ontario. We were pleased to learn of Toronto Heritage Preservation Services' initiative to undertake a city-wide heritage survey (Survey) of Toronto. We concur with the conclusions of the Feasibility Study that the process will be an aid to planning and promote transparent decision-making with regards to Toronto's pre and post-colonial heritage assets.

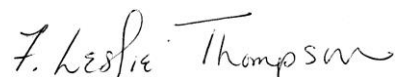
With the Provincial Government's proposed changes to the Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108, Schedule 11) identifying our heritage assets is more critical than ever. We, the citizens of Toronto, and Ontario could lose not only what makes our city unique and gives us a "sense of place" but also the economic and social benefits of our heritage assets, if we do not identify and protect them. We believe that the multiplier effect of cultural heritage on the economic activity it attracts and generates, it is a sound investment in Toronto's future.

As fellow supporters of heritage preservation ACO would be happy to collaborate and allow the Survey to use our TOBuilt data base. You may learn more about TOBuilt at your June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting or at [https://acotoronto.ca/tobuilt\\_new\\_detailed.php](https://acotoronto.ca/tobuilt_new_detailed.php).

Additionally, ACO has a large network of volunteers, many of whom are expert with heritage preservation and architecture. We would be happy to contact our skilled volunteers to help with this project, should your need arise.

In conclusion, the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario is supportive of the City of Toronto's proposed Heritage Survey. We are willing to share our TOBuilt data-base and our members are willing to help as volunteers with this important initiative.

Sincerely



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c.c. Matt Zambri, President, ACO Toronto Branch  
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