



The Annex Residents' Association

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Dear Councillor Bailao and Members of the Planning and Housing Committee

Re: City Planning Division – Study Work Program PH 12.3

In its meeting of January 15, 2018, the Planning and Growth Management Committee adopted the report *Prioritization of Heritage Conservation District Studies*, November 30, 2017. In this report 13 outstanding Heritage Conservation Districts were identified. The West Annex is one of these. Page two of the report states: “Also at its June 2005 meeting, City Council authorized the Annex Area for study as a potential Heritage Conservation District as part of a proposed settlement.
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2005/agendas/committees/te/te050705/it012.pdf>.”

While most of the districts were prioritized for work beginning in 2018, and due to the diligence of City staff, most work is in progress or completed, with the current Study Work Program, a number of districts are once again languishing without any prioritization, and therefore, without any indication for Council and local residents of when the work will be commenced. Unfortunately the West Annex, 15 years later, is in this situation. The West Annex Study part II would cover the area just east of Bathurst to just west of Bedford, with the exception of Madison Avenue, which has been designated as an HCD.

This large area with hundreds of houses is under intense development pressure, especially along Bloor and now Dupont/Davenport, and more recently, with several requests for mid-block. We know that properties are being amassed for large scale development. The Annex is serviced by four subway stops with multiple exits, making it the best serviced area in the city, and understandably a prime location for development. However, revised zoning around subway stations could put most of the houses at risk for replacement.

Heritage Conservation Districts serve as planning tools as well as means of heritage conservation. We would like greater transparency on priorities moving forward, precise timelines, and clear protection of streetscapes until the studies for the West Annex and the other approved areas are in place.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rita Bilerman", with a long, sweeping underline.

Rita Bilerman
Chair, Annex Residents' Association

Copy to: Mike Layton, Councillor, City of Toronto