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Ms. Denise Gendron
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Dear Ms. Denise Gendron,

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your October 31, 2007 letter indicating the City's interest in listing First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto's building at 175 St. Clair Avenue West on the Inventory of Heritage Buildings

As you may realize, First Unitarian is a democratically run congregation where the membership must vote on items of significant importance, which we view this matter to be. Unfortunately we have not yet had the opportunity to fully consider the proposed listing of our building.

In order for us to educate our members on all aspects of listing, designation and preservation under the Act, as well as allowing members to consider the merits of the City's proposal, we request a deferral of the Board's consideration of this proposed listing for approximately four to six months. Resource people will be brought in to assist the congregation. Once the members understand the importance of Heritage Buildings, the process and the potential implications for the congregation, we will be in a position to call a special meeting with adequate notice as required by our by-laws.

If we know when the Toronto Preservation Board will meet in the spring, we will do our best to be ready.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter. I can be reached at 416-767-5837 and will be present at the Board's meeting on Thursday December 6th at 2:00 p.m.

Yours truly,

Richard Kirsh
President, Board of Trustees

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