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The Mayor and Members of the Executive Committee
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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the North York Historical Society,
I am writing in support of Heritage Toronto, who provides a unifying voice to the City
of Toronto's heritage community.

The Society, has for over 50 years, been one of the primary historical societies in the
now amalgamated City, partners with Heritage Toronto in a number of heritage
functions including heritage walks, plaques and markers program and resource
centre. We solicit and welcome their specialized advice and assistance regularly.
The staff and services provided by Heritage Toronto help to ensure that our City and
its rich heritage of built and natural features remain a viable set of unique resources.
We are enabled by Heritage Toronto to retain status and stature as a major cultural
contributor on the national stage for residents and visitors.

One is tempted to ask how much in municipal revenue, how many jobs and what
damage to our tourism industry would be the effect of cutting Heritage Toronto
or any other of our cultural services. All stakeholders would be significantly poorer
should Heritage Toronto be cut or diminished.

Let us not take drastic measures for short-term fiscal relief by harming the long-term
services, capabilities and valued functions provided by Heritage Toronto.

Respectfully submitted,

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