November 23, 2011

Dear Toronto Preservation Board,

I am writing in support of the item PB 8.1, Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act - 720 Millwood Road.

East York is exceptionally proud of Agnes Macphail and her achievements. For many years individuals and organizations in East York have worked hard to sustain her legacy through a range of community events and educational activities.

The East York Foundation, the East York Historical Society and the Agnes Macphail Recognition Committee, have also actively pursued having the Agnes Macphail House designated for its historical significance. As you can see from the report, this matter has been deferred on several occasions.

Designating this property will not only preserve Agnes Macphail's legacy in East York, but will acknowledge the efforts of dedicated East York residents to preserving Macphail's tradition of promoting women's rights and access to adequate housing, among a host of other issues.

I believe it is time to have the property at 720 Millwood Road, also known as 2 Donegall Drive, included on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties and designated as a heritage site.

Sincerely,

Janet Davis
City Councillor
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