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North York Community Council - NY12.20 Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act - 720 Millwood Road

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Attachments: NYCPP letter to NYCC Jan 2012.pdf

Dear Ms. Adamo

Please find attached a letter regarding the above item on the NYCC agenda on January 10.

Regards

Geoff Kettel
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Chair and Members of North York Community Council
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Attention: Francine Adamo, Council Administrator

Re: NY 12.20 -- Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act - 720 Millwood Road (Ward 26)

Dear Chair and Members:

The North York Community Preservation Panel (NYCPP)¹ is in strong support of the staff report and the Toronto Preservation Board's recommendation to designate the above property.

The staff report confirms that the property at 720 Millwood Road meets all three of Regulation 9/06's eligibility criteria for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act: design value - as an example of the Modern style; historical association - with Agnes Macphail, and contextual value - as integral to the Leaside residential community.

The architectural significance of 720 Millwood Road in the Modern style is well described by Mr. Tim Morawetz (Author, *Art Deco Architecture in Toronto: A guide to the city's buildings from the Roaring Twenties and the Depression*) in his submission to the Toronto Preservation Board in support of the property's designation:

In my opinion, the former Agnes Macphail house at the corner of Millwood Road and Donegall Drive in Toronto (built c. 1937) is an important example of interwar residential architecture.

¹ North York Community Preservation Panel, one of four, one for each of the community council areas, whose members are appointed by Council with the mandate to identify, and work to protect the cultural and built heritage in their area. Councillors Parker and Pasternak are members of the Panel.

It may be the only duplex in Leaside that incorporated the 1930s 'Streamlined Moderne' architectural design features that were quite prevalent in larger apartment buildings (namely buff brick walls, flat roof, 'speed stripes' at the building corners and marking the Donegall door, horizontal emphasis in the windows, the octagonal window and the multiple planes on the Millwood façade).

We would remind the Council that the property was previously nominated for designation, by the former East York LACAC Panel, in 2000. Approval by Council of intent to designate the property is well overdue.

Yours very truly,

Geoff Kettel
Chair, North York Community Preservation Panel

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Tim Morawetz
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