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Ms. Rosalind Dyers
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Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West, 2nd Floor West
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Dear Ms. Dyers:

Re: Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act and Authority for a Heritage Easement Agreement – 497 (also known as 505) Richmond Street West Report to Toronto and East York Community Council

I am writing in regards to the staff report that will be considered on May 15th, 2012 at the Toronto and East York Community Council meeting regarding 497 (also known as 505) Richmond Street West. As a property that has been identified as surplus to be transferred to Build Toronto, I am aware of the City's intention to designate the property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. It is the intention of Build Toronto to work with City staff to preserve these significant features as much as possible.

As per our meeting with Mary MacDonald from Heritage Preservation Services on May 9, 2012 at the aforementioned site, we discussed how Build Toronto plans to move forward with regards to the environmental clean-up required at the site as well as future redevelopment. We look forward to working with Heritage Preservation Services and City Planning staff to ensure that the heritage attributes at this site can be maintained, preserved or enhanced.

I am confident that our collaboration will result in a development proposal that will address the City's concerns to conserve the character and significance of the heritage property while invigorating and reurbanizing the neighbourhood with new development. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (416) 981-1927 or cbonanni@buildtoronto.ca.

Sincerely,

Carlo Bonanni
Director of Planning

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