June 9, 2013

Toronto City Hall,
100 Queen Street West
10th Floor, West Tower
Toronto, Ontario
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Re: TE 24.83 Intention to Designate the University of Toronto Back Campus, Between University College and Hoskin Avenue, as a Cultural Heritage Landscape, Under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

This is to express the support of the NYCPP for City Council to state an intention to designate the University of Toronto Back Campus, between University College and Hoskin Avenue, as a Cultural Heritage Landscape, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Back Campus is an integral part of the cultural heritage landscape of the University, physically linked to and complimentary to the built heritage. The recent outpouring of articles by thoughtful and informed individuals, organizations and institutions¹ on this topic attests to the need to reconsider the decision to convert this natural space into a manufactured landscape.

Thank you for the opportunity to input on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Geoff Kettel
Chair
Attachment

¹ http://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2013/06/09/u_of_t_back_campus_is_no_place_for_plastic_grass.html;
http://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorialopinion/2013/02/06/university_of_toronto_spending_millions_on_artificial_turf_mallick.html