

NY27.4.2

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North York Community Council
North York Civic Centre
Main floor, 5100 Yonge St.
Toronto, ON M2N 5V7
Att: Francine Adamo, Committee Clerk

Re: NY27.4 Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act - 262 Bessborough Drive (Ward 26)

Dear Councillor Augimeri and Members of North York Community Council

The Leaside Property Owners' Association provides this correspondence to express our strong support for the staff report that recommends the designation of the Thomas G. Elgie House property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Elgie farmhouse established its importance long before anything else existed in the area. It sat on a vantage point overlooking the picturesque Walmsley Brook, the heart of the 200-acre Elgie Estate, which stretched south and east from Bayview and Eglinton for half a century. Since then, streets have been laid out, and lands have been subdivided, but the Elgie farmhouse remains as a testament to those earlier times.

As noted in the staff report the Thomas G. Elgie House is "the oldest residential building in Leaside where in its original location it yields information about the development and evolution of the community to which it remains historically and visually linked". As such, we support the clarification to the third bullet under Heritage Attributes as approved by the Toronto Preservation Board:

- The *specific location*, setback and orientation of the building on the west side of Bessborough Drive, north of Parkhurst Boulevard on a lot with mature trees, where the east side elevation of the house faces the street

The LPOA appreciates your consideration of our comments.

Yours truly,

Geoff Kettel for

Brian Athey
President

c.c. Councillor John Parker