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Toronto Preservation Board
100 Queen St W
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Dear Chair and Members,

New Business Request: Intention to designate 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

A recently announced decision to redevelop the University of Toronto Back Campus as two field hockey pitches for the Pan Am games has created a large public expression of interest in preserving the space as a grassed common. A community group formed of University of Toronto faculty and students, as well as members of the surrounding residential areas has submitted a request for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act of the Back Campus as a cultural heritage landscape, for contextual, historical associations and ongoing traditional activities associated with the space. The community group has gathered 5000 signatures on an online petition to protect the Back Campus as a common, community open space, held two demonstrations on campus, as well as one public meeting.

Materials and research from outside experts, including University professors which detail a sound basis for designation have been received and are attached. These materials were also presented to Toronto and East York Community Council on May 13, 2013.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Toronto Preservation Board:

1. Request that City Council state an intention to designate 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; and
2. If there are no objections to the designation in accordance with Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the bill in Council designating the property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and
3. If there are objections in accordance with Section 29(7) of the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council direct the City Clerk to refer the designation to the Conservation Review Board.



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4. If the designation is referred to the Conservation Review Board, City Council authorizes the City Solicitor and appropriate staff to attend any hearing held by the Conservation Review Board in support of Council's decision on the designation of the property; and
5. That City Council request the Director, Urban Forestry refuse any requests to remove, damage or otherwise alter any trees or tree roots located within "The Back Campus" at the University of Toronto until this matter is resolved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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