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North York Community Preservation Panel

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RE: NY 33.9 Inclusion on City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties - 1133-1377 Sheppard Avenue West (Ward 9)

Dear Councillor Augimeri and Community Council Members:

This is to express the Panel's strong support to include certain buildings located on the Downsview Lands (the "Site") in the City of Toronto's Inventory of Heritage Properties, as proposed in the Staff Report, and recommended by the Toronto Preservation Board at its June 4 meeting.

The Panel, which is represented on the Downsview Community Reference Group, believes that the military and industrial buildings of the complex known as the "Cultural Commons" have national historical significance, and is committed to working for the preservation and appropriate re-purposing.

In its June 3rd letter to the Toronto Preservation Board, Canada Lands opposed the listing of the buildings at this time, citing the need to "treat the Site as a whole, rather than listing individual buildings". We agree that these buildings should be treated as a whole for planning purposes. However there is a prior need to inventory and protect them, which can and should be done on an individual building basis. The urgency of the need to place the buildings on the City's Inventory is demonstrated by the fact that 2 of the 12 buildings identified in ERA Architects inventory of heritage properties conducted for the Downsview Secondary Plan, were found to be demolished when they were brought forward by City staff for listing in 2014. As such, placing the buildings in the Inventory of Heritage Properties represents unfinished business from the Downsview Secondary Plan, and should be accomplished ASAP.

Yours very truly,

Geoff Kettel

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