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Re: PB31.3 Ward 28 – Proceeding from Study to Plan Phase for the proposed St. Lawrence Heritage Conservation District.

Dear members of Toronto Preservation Board:

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association, which represents residents of the area from Yonge to Parliament and Queen to the rail corridor, strongly supports the staff report that the study move to the next step; that being the creation of a Plan. Our neighbourhood association has been working with Councillor's office since 2005 to ensure that this neighbourhood is designated as a Heritage Conservation District and we are very pleased to have this Report which supports the creation of two HCD Plans in our neighbourhood.

There is no doubt that Recommendation 4 concerning the preparation of a Plan for the area north of Front Street (*"The Toronto Preservation Board support the preparation of a St. Lawrence Heritage Conservation District Plan as proposed."*) is clearly the top priority as we realize that this area has a high level of development

activity and we want to protect the city's history, heritage, and fragility of some of the heritage resources.

We are also very pleased to see that the Report recommends a Plan for the area south of Front in due course. (*Recommendation 5. Toronto Preservation Board support the preparation of a second Heritage Conservation District plan for the identified area to the south of the proposed St. Lawrence Plan boundary, with designation at a later date, when it has been identified as a priority.*) We will continue to work with Heritage staff and our Councillor to ensure that this second Plan is developed as soon as possible.

We look forward to celebrating that this is indeed an official Heritage District; it is, after all, where the City of Toronto began as the Town of York and it also includes the original ten blocks.

We encourage the Toronto Preservation Board to confirm that this Staff Report and urge that the preparation of a Plan for the area north of Front Street proceed as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Kavanagh,
Chair
HCD Committee of the SLNA

cc. Councillor McConnell
SLNA Board of Directors