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(by email: clerk@toronto.ca)

Toronto City Council 100 Queen Street West Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Attention Ms. Marilyn Toft

Re: Designation of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act, Items TE 12.11 and PB 9.2

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Council:

As Board President of Spire Condominium, and on behalf of its 359 unit owners and residents, I am writing to urge adoption of the proposed Heritage Conservation District Plan. Considering the consultation and in-depth analysis already devoted to the plan, we strongly recommend its adoption without amendment at your meetin this week.

Our building is adjacent to the HCD, facing it in two directions — to the south across Adelaide Street East, and to the east across Church Street. Development of our building was enabled by a transfer of development rights from St. James Cathedral, thus preventing new development on the Cathedral property itself. This HDC Plan will play a key role in maintaining the City's heritage. It is also essential to prevent incremental shadowing of the Cathedral resulting from new development.

Looking beyond our immediate neighbourhood, we see the entire HCD — centred on the original Town of York, first established in the 1790s — as highly worthy of heritage protection. Residents and businesses across the entire City will applau Council's adoption of the proposed plan.

Sincerely,

Ian Morrison President

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