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Re: Agenda Item 6.1 Proceeding to Plan Phase of the Proposed Historic Yonge Street Heritage Conservation District

I would like to affirm my support for the proposed Yonge Street Heritage Conservation District proceeding to Plan Phase and ask that his Board pass the recommendations of City Planning. This Heritage Conservation District is a vital and much needed tool to ensure that Yonge Street's historical character is maintained for the future.

This report has the strongest support of Ward 27 residents, as well as the neighbourhood and business associations that have championed this process. Yonge Street, often considered Canada's Main Street is being transformed at a remarkable rate with the intense development pressures present in downtown Toronto.

The work of the Church-Wellesley Neighbourhood Association snowballed into a community effort to catalog and preserve some of the oldest and most iconic Canadian buildings that reside in Ward 27. This Conservation District will be the most substantial step forward the City has taken to ensure that Yonge Street's heritage assets will be preserved for future generations.

I would like to acknowledge and commend the staff and consultants who worked closely with neighbourhood groups, residents, and business owners to produce this report. In supporting their work and the recommendations before you today, you endorse the preservation of a vital piece of Toronto's identity.

Thank you for your consideration,

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