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City Councillor | Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina

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Toronto East York Community Council
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

Subject: Request for Heritage Evaluation of Hydro Block

Hydro Block, a mixed-income housing community under the umbrella of Toronto Community Housing, is an extremely important part of the local neighbourhood. The buildings and its residents contribute to the overall vibrancy and character of the area.

In 2007, a portion of the Hydro Block community was included in the City of Toronto's Inventory of Heritage Properties. The property at 6 Henry Street (with convenience addresses at 8-28 Henry Street, 38 Baldwin Street, and 5-7 Cecil Street) was listed on the Heritage Inventory for its cultural heritage value and interest as an important example of Modern architecture that was designed to complement the surrounding late 19th century residential neighbourhood.

As an essential part of the community, the remainder of the Hydro Block properties also merit consideration on the Heritage Register.

To ensure that we can continue to protect the integrity of this community, I am requesting that Heritage staff undertake an evaluation of the Hydro Block buildings:

Recommendations:

1. Request the Director, Urban Design, City Planning Division, be requested to review and evaluate the properties located at 30-42 Baldwin Street, 181-203 Beverley Street, 5-15 Cecil Street, and 6-28 Henry Street for potential inclusion on the City's Heritage Register and report to the Toronto Preservation Board, Toronto East York Community Council and City Council.

Sincerely,

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