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To: Members, Toronto Preservation Board

Re: St Lawrence HCD

The King-Parliament Secondary Plan makes it clear that "The retention and re-use of existing buildings, especially heritage buildings, will be encouraged."

Studies have shown that residents in the area cite the ambience of the Old Town, which includes the St Lawrence District, as being a compelling attraction, and plays a key role in this, one of the fastest growing parts of the GTA.

As with many areas in Toronto and in the Province, Heritage Conservation Districts have been established, not by others, but by the local community, to ensure that development fits in with the defined character of the neighbourhood.

This is not an effort to restrict development, but to help enhance the heritage attributes.

Cobourg, Perth, Aurora, Port Hope, Markham are just a few examples of over onehundred communities in Ontario that profit from the financial and cultural benefits of being Heritage Conservation Districts.

Similar benefits will flow with the creation of the St Lawrence HCD.

Please support its passage.

Sincerely,

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