



Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario  
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Dear Sir:

Re: Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (“**RNAO**”) and 150 and 154-158 Pearl Street, Toronto, Ontario (the “**Property**”) and the Report for the Listing of the Property on the City of Toronto Heritage Register  
City Reference No. P:\2016\Cluster B\PLN\TE16018

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As you know, on March 7, 2016 representatives of RNAO met with Mr. Brent Gilliard of your office and Ms. Mary MacDonald of the City of Toronto (the “**City**”) Heritage Preservation Services, at which time RNAO and its heritage consultants advised Mr. Gilliard and Ms. MacDonald of the preliminary findings of their peer review of both the report prepared by Golder Associates for RNAO and the City Staff Report dated January 19, 2016 with respect to identification of the heritage values and heritage attributes of the Property, including their concerns regarding different findings and inconsistencies between such reports. As we advised, RNAO's heritage consultants have identified relevant information that was not available to the City's researchers and they are continuing their research in an effort to make sure that all information on the heritage aspects of the Property are made available so that any decisions are based on accurate information.

As you are aware RNAO is not in the development business. It is an association dedicated to the formulation and implementation of healthy public policy for the benefit of Ontarians. It represents over 41,000 registered nurses, nurse practitioners and nursing students in Ontario and its mandate and mission is dedicated to improving health outcomes of Ontarians, their health-care system and the services they receive from nurses. In this regard RNAO works with various levels of government. Its head office represents its principal asset and it was its hope that this asset could facilitate the long-term financial health of the association so that it could continue its work on behalf of nurses for Ontarians.

RNAO had listed its Property for sale and as a good citizen it undertook its own heritage and architectural review of its lands and buildings to ensure that it is aware of the relevance of the structure within the neighbourhood context. Notwithstanding the current intent to sell its property, RNAO will continue to be headquartered in, and a citizen of, this city. The current offer for the Property that RNAO is working with includes the right of the association

to remain in its current headquarters for a minimum of two years and up to 30 months. Thus there is nothing imminently occurring with respect to the buildings at 158 Pearl Street.

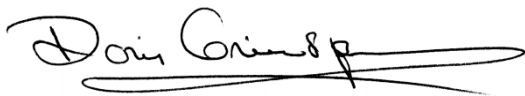
This letter confirms your agreement, as advised by Mr. Gilliard, to a deferral of consideration of the Staff Report dated January 19, 2016 recommending inclusion of the Property on the City's Heritage Register pursuant to Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1990, c O.18, in order to provide the opportunity for RNAO's heritage consultants to complete their background studies and further assess the accuracy and completeness of all research and evidence available in both reports. Following completion of their review, our consultants will meet with City Staff to discuss the heritage values and attributes of the Property with an intention to work towards an agreed description of same.

We have instructed our lead heritage consultants, Dr. Marcus Letourneau and Dr. Carl Bray to complete their review by the end of March, and we would hope that the City Staff and our consultants can then meet in the first week of April to further discussions regarding the heritage values and attributes of the Property.

Councillor Cressy and Ms. MacDonald, RNAO is committed to the conservation of the heritage values and attributes of this Property and has already committed substantial resources to a review of these matters. In consideration of the agreement by your staff and City staff to obtain the deferral of this matter, RNAO hereby undertakes not to apply for any demolition permit, renovation permit or development application until such time as City Staff has met with our heritage consultants, and finalized their report. In addition the association will not complete any sale or transfer title to the Property during this review. Please know that RNAO will remain as owner of its headquarters during this time and is fully committed to the above process.

We look forward to working together towards a satisfactory resolution of this matter. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards,



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