

**NORTH TORONTO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**283 Deloraine Avenue, Toronto ON M5M 2B2**

September 28, 2016

Toronto City Council,  
Toronto City Hall, Queen St. W.

**RE: NY16.49 Authorization to Study Lawrence Park west as a Potential Heritage Conservation District**

Dear Mayor Tory and Councillors:

The North Toronto Historical Society strongly supports the authorization to study Lawrence Park West as a potential Heritage Conservation District (HCD) under Section 40 (1) of the Ontario Heritage Act. Lawrence Park was developed as an early 20<sup>th</sup> century planned garden suburb which set a high architectural standard while including the natural setting as an important part of the design.

For forty years, the North Toronto Historical Society has been involved in raising awareness of the area's history, architecture and unique character through walking tours, research activities, oral history interviews, speakers program, and publications.

For over thirty years I was also a librarian with the Toronto Public Library based at Northern District Branch where I served as History Subject Specialist. In that capacity I was responsible for developing the North Toronto Local History Collection which includes material on Lawrence Park. I co-authored the Historical Walking Tour of Lawrence Park which was published by the Toronto Public Library in 1994 and then in a revised and expanded version in 2007 with the support of the Lawrence Park Ratepayers Association and the North Toronto Historical Society.

Lawrence Park has been the subject of scholarly dissertations and publications and has been featured in books on Toronto history and architecture. The Cultural Landscape Foundation, a Washington-based organization, included a walking tour of Lawrence Park during its conference in Toronto in 2015.

Lawrence Park West represents the oldest part of the original Lawrence Park Estates and as such is an ideal candidate for study and heritage designation. It features some of the finest examples of domestic architecture in the area, while preserving the natural environment and essential character of the garden suburb.

Sincerely,

Lynda Moon,  
President, North Toronto Historical Society