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**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Councillor Fragedakis](#); [Mary \(Planning\) MacDonald](#); [Francis Kwashie](#); [Kyle Knoeck](#); [Gregg Lintern](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Agenda item TE 18.15 - Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act - 958 Broadview Avenue  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 5, 2016 9:10:21 AM

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Dear Councillors,

Playter Area Residents' Association (PARA) fully supports TEYCC's recommendation that "City Council state its intention to designate the property at 958 Broadview Avenue (Chester Public School) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 958 Broadview Avenue (Reasons for Designation) attached as Attachment 3 to the report (August 10, 2016) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning". PARA believes that the property meets the criteria of Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the categories of design, associative and contextual values.

The building in question, the former Chester Public School, built in 1891, is the oldest surviving East York school and has been a significant landmark in our neighbourhood, starting as a core institution of the historic villages of Chester/Doncaster and Todmorden. The building's heritage significance has been recognized for several decades having been on the 1982 East York Inventory of Historic Buildings and having been listed on the Heritage Register in 2006. The heritage attributes of the original school are largely intact and deserve protection.

Chester Public School's worthiness to be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act is undeniable.

For over 2 years, during the Broadview Avenue Planning Study, PARA's members and representatives have been actively involved in all the community consultation meetings and Stakeholder Advisory Committee, working with City Planning Staff, our Councillor and the broader community, clearly voicing our concerns over the importance of identifying and preserving remaining heritage buildings in the area, including the Chester Public School at 958 Broadview Avenue.

PARA respectfully requests that City Council states its intention to designate the Chester Public School at 958 Broadview Avenue given this building's significance in terms of design, associative and contextual values, which includes its place in the history of our area and the broader history of industrial Toronto.

Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,

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