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Re: Item EY 12.7: Intention to Designate 112 Ravenscrest Drive (Ward 3) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act

To: All Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Etobicoke Historical Society, I am writing to express our unconditional support for the designation of 112 Ravenscrest Drive under the Ontario Heritage Act.

This property has been listed on the City of Toronto Heritage Register since 2006. Its owner and nominator, Vito Vaccarelli, has done an exceptional job of researching the history of his property. In a township that had hundreds of farm houses prior to World War II, 112 Ravenscrest is one of the few "Ontario Gothic" farmhouses that not only has survived, but also has retained most of its original architectural features, including its gables, bargeboard, doors, windows and outstanding di-chromatic brickwork. The 130 years that the Coulter Family owned the property parallels and serves to enhance our understanding of Etobicoke's transition from a pioneer settlement to a highly successful farming community to suburbia. The house is historically linked to its community and is a well-known local landmark.

The research clearly supports that the property meets the criteria for designation in all three areas identified in the Ontario Heritage Act: design and physical value; historical and associative value; and contextual value.

Best regards,

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