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**To:** Francine Adamo; North York Community Council  
**Cc:** Councillor Augimeri; Councillor Burnside; Councillor Jaye Robinson; Councillor Carmichael Greb; Councillor Filion; Councillor Carroll; Councillor Colle; Councillor Minnan-Wong; Councillor Pasternak; Tom Rakocevic; Councillor Shiner; Joe Nanos; Mary (Planning) MacDonald; Jane Somerville  
**Subject:** NY 16.49 Authorization of Lawrence Park West HCD Study  
**Attachments:** NY16.49 Authorization to Study LP West HCD.pdf

Dear Ms Adamo

Attached is a Letter of SUPPORT for the authorization of Lawrence Park West HCD Study.

I request to register to speak on the matter also.

Regards

Geoff Kettel  
Chair NYCPC

## North York Community Preservation Panel

September 6, 2016

North York Community Council  
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### RE: **NY16.49 Authorization to Study Lawrence Park West as a Potential Heritage Conservation District**

Dear Chair Maria Augimeri,

This is to convey our strong support for the Authorization to study Lawrence Park West as a potential Heritage Conservation District under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Lawrence Park was developed as a planned Garden Suburb, and includes a community of architecturally varied but significant homes nestled within the natural beauty of the Don watershed lands. It is this combination of designed landscape and built form that presents Lawrence Park West as an architecturally significant cultural heritage landscape within the City of Toronto.

Today that notable landscape of restrained dwellings set on large lots amid generous landscaping is threatened with erosion by demolitions and replacement by new and generally much larger homes which frequently are at odds with the existing built form character of Lawrence Park. Now is the critical time for the **City to authorize a comprehensive Study and Plan for a Heritage Conservation District in Lawrence Park West.**

We recommend that in addition to the staff report recommendation to authorize the Study, that North York Community Council support the two additional recommendations passed by the Toronto Preservation Board:

1. That City Council authorize a HCD Study of **Lawrence Park East** as a potential Heritage Conservation District.

This additional study of the area east of Mount Pleasant Boulevard would reflect the integrity of Lawrence Park as designed, wherein Mount Pleasant was at the centre of the garden suburb, not the edge.

2. That City Council request the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services to expedite staff review of **all properties nominated for inclusion on the City's Heritage Register within the Lawrence Park West Study Area boundary** including the following: 1 St. Edmund's Drive, 35 St. Edmund's Drive, 24 Dinnick Crescent, 40 St. Leonard's Avenue, 50 Dawlish Avenue, and 110 Dawlish Avenue.

These properties, which were nominated in the 2010 to 2012 period, are overdue for heritage assessment. Some are at high risk of demolition and replacement, given the heated housing market in the area.

Finally, we would congratulate the Lawrence Park Heritage Committee, lead by Jane Somerville, for its diligent efforts over several years to recognize and promote the cultural heritage values of Lawrence Park, and advance the case for action through a multi-faceted program of research, community awareness (talks, tours, walks), and advocacy.

Yours faithfully,

*Geoff Kettel*

Geoff Kettel  
Chair

c.c. Councillor Jaye Robinson, Ward 25  
Mary MacDonald, Senior Manager, HPS  
Joe Nanos, Director, Community Planning, North District  
Jane Somerville, Chair, Lawrence Park Heritage Committee