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North York Community Council c/o Francine Adamo North York Civic Centre Main floor, 5100 Yonge St. Toronto, ON M2N 5V7

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

Dear Chair Maria Augimeri,

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. In addition, we support the two additional recommendations passed by the Toronto Preservation Board at its August 25, 2016 meeting:

- 1. That City Council authorize a study of Lawrence Park East as a potential HCD
- 2. That City Council request the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services, to expedite staff review of properties lying within the proposed Lawrence Park West HCD which were previously nominated for inclusion on the City's Heritage Register.

Lawrence Park Estates was developed as an early 20th 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.

Lawrence Park is an ideal candidate for study and heritage designation.

Sincerely,

Lynda Moon,

President, North Toronto Historical Society and co-author, Historical Walking Tour of Lawrence Park, Toronto Public Library 1994 (rev. and expanded ed. 2007)