

## North York Community Council

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**Subject:** RE: NY16.49 Authorization to Study Lawrence Park West as a Potential HCD  
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Dear Sirs/Madams:

Further to my supplementary letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 (attached), this is to advise that the Lawrence Park Ratepayers Association ("LPRA") called a special board meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and it passed a motion to adopt my letter of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016 as the board's position on the issue of the Heritage Conservation District study area.

I will not be attending the meeting today and cannot confirm representation from another board member. Therefore, this will confirm that Alex Grenzebach, Vice-Chair, Lawrence Park Heritage Committee has authority to speak to my correspondence and thus to the position of the LPRA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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Dear Members of the North York Community Council

Re: NY16.49: Authorization to Study Lawrence Park West as a Potential Heritage Conservation District (Ward 25)

I write to you in furtherance to my correspondence dated 25th August 2016 to Tamara Anson-Cartwright, Senior Preservation Coordinator for Heritage Preservation Services. In that letter, I expressed my support for the study and designation of the West part of Lawrence Park for Heritage Conservation. I am grateful that the Toronto Preservation Board approved the Staff report and that this item is before you today for your authorization.

Unfortunately, I understand that the Toronto Preservation Board entertained a motion to study Lawrence Park East. Heritage preservation is a potentially divisive issue in any community and the Lawrence Park Heritage Committee has achieved commendable success to date. This has been achieved because the committee studied an area, consulted residents, held information gatherings in the community and put forward a plan with a high degree of procedural transparency. The inclusion of Lawrence Park East at this point, without the diligent process that has been the hallmark of the Lawrence Park Heritage Committee's work to date, risks a backlash by residents on both sides of Mount Pleasant Road and jeopardizes the momentum for heritage conservation in the West part of Lawrence Park.

With all respect for the persons who hoped to enlarge the study area, when we are enthusiastic, we run all the risks of being spontaneous. Heritage conservation will be better served by adherence to the principals of thoughtful study, consultation and transparency. I therefore respectfully recommend that the study area not be enlarged at this time, so as to proceed with the original application for Lawrence Park West.

Yours truly,



