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Toronto Preservation Board
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RE: PB 14.6 Designation 260 High Park Ave.

The High Park – Alhambra United Church and Sunday School, 260 High Park Avenue at Annette Street, has been Listed on the Toronto Heritage Register for over a quarter century.

It should now be designated, as is now recommended, joining the other public buildings of equal architectural, cultural and contextual significance, along Annette Street.

To the east, at Medland, the designated Victoria – Royce Presbyterian Church and its companion Sunday School, has been repurposed with a sensitive conversion to condominium housing, retaining its context and subsequently winning awards for the design concepts and execution.

The 1909 Carnegie Library at Annette and Medland makes a second anchor in the cultural/architectural context of the Street's flow with the neighbouring Masonic Temple.

Moving west, the smaller Baptist Church at Annette and High Park was designated on architectural, cultural and contextual grounds and is located on the north east corner of High Park Avenue and Annette.

The elegant High Park Methodist Church and 1925 Sunday School, representing what was once one of the largest United Church Congregations in Canada, forms the western anchor on Annette. It continues the context for the wide cultural flow of the second street of importance in the 1909 City of West Toronto and sits as a lynch pin to the High Park Avenue/ Annette Street intersection giving it cultural and architectural weight to this day.

It should be designated and preserved.

Sincerely yours,

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