January 15, 2016

Toronto East York Community Council,
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West,
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re:
Application for Changes to a Designated Heritage Property located at 450 Yonge Street (Oddfellows’ Hall)
File Number: 14 267383 STE 27 SA

Dear Members of the TEYCC:

The Bay Cloverhill Community Association (BCCA) supports the recommendations of the Planning Department and the Toronto Preservation Board that the request To alter the existing four-storey mixed-use building by constructing a five-storey non-residential addition at the north west portion of the building. Further, we support the requirements and regulations in relation to the changes as outlined by the City Planning Department and the Toronto Preservation Board.

The BCCA is very committed to preservation of heritage assets within the city of Toronto and specifically to those heritage assets within our boundaries. We consider 450 Yonge Street, the Oddfellows’ Hall, to be a heritage jewel in our community. As such, we want to see it continue into the future as a heritage building for all to see and enjoy.

We view this as a way to allow a fine heritage building to be given added value to benefit the owner of the building and to add vitality to our heritage base. It represents an opportunity for the glorious old heritage of Yonge Street to connect with the future, the new condo tower at 460 Yonge Street.

Respectfully,

Rick Whitten-Stovall, BCCA President

cc:  Gregg Lintern, Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District
     David Oikawa, Manager, Community Planning, Downtown Section
     Michelle Nicholson, Planner, Community Planning, Downtown Section
     Mary MacDonald, Manager, Heritage Preservation Services
     Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Ward 27, Toronto Centre-Rosedale