

June 21, 2017

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Attention: Ms. Lourdes Bettencourt, Board Secretary

Dear Chair and Members of the Toronto Preservation Board:

Re: Proposed Designation of the King-Spadina Heritage Conservation District and Adoption of the King-Spadina Heritage Conservation District Plan 8-20 Widmer Street (“the Properties”)

We are counsel to Claireville Holdings Limited and other companies listed in Appendix 1. Collectively, these companies own the Properties which are located within the proposed King-Spadina Heritage Conservation District (the “HCD”). The Properties have been identified in the proposed HCD plan (the “HCD Plan”) as “contributing properties”.

On November 14, 2016 we wrote on behalf of our clients to express our concerns with the draft HCD Plan. A copy of our earlier correspondence is attached for ease of reference.

One of our clients’ main concerns, as expressed in our November 14, 2016 letter, was that they had not been appropriately consulted prior to the release of the draft HCD Plan in October of 2016. To our knowledge, the City has not engaged with the public or with individual owners since that time. Our clients continue to be of the view that a properly constituted HCD is one that actively involves property owners.

Our clients and their consultants have had limited opportunity to review the proposed HCD Plan and staff’s June 14, 2017 report. However, based on this initial review, several of our clients’ concerns that were identified in our earlier correspondence have not been addressed. As a result, our clients object to the designation of the proposed HCD and adoption of the proposed HCD Plan.

Please continue to notify the undersigned of any and all meetings and reports with respect to the HCD Plan.

Sincerely,
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Appendix 1: Owners of the Widmer Site

Claireville Holdings Limited

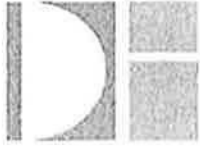
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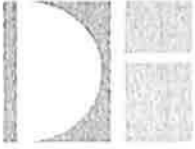
Dear Ms. Anson-Cartwright:

**Re: Comments Regarding the Draft King-Spadina Heritage
Conservation District Plan (the "Plan")
8 – 20 Widmer Street, Toronto (the "Properties")**

We are counsel to Claireville Holdings Limited and others listed in Appendix 1, the owners of the Properties located within the King-Spadina Heritage Conservation District (the "HCD"). The City of Toronto (the "City") has recently released the Plan for public input and comment. The Plan has identified 10 – 20 Widmer Street as properties that "contribute" to the Simcoe/Peter/Richmond West/Adelaide West character sub-area.

Our clients and their consultants have had limited opportunity to review the draft Plan and provide comments on it in its current form. A properly constituted HCD is one that actively involves property owners and thus far, our clients have not been appropriately consulted. Based upon our clients' initial review of the Plan, we wish to provide the following comments with respect to the Plan's contents:

- The Plan unduly restricts the development potential of many properties within the HCD, including our clients', as a result of the proposed changes to the current by-law and policy requirements;
- The Plan does not acknowledge the significant changes that have occurred in the King-Spadina Area, allowing it to become the vibrant commercial hub that it is today. Rather, the Plan appears to isolate the preservation to a specific historical period and ignores ongoing development, which is contrary to the historical evolution of the HCD;



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- The objectives of Plan appear to not only strengthen the current status of properties within the HCD, but also direct property owners to “enhance” contributing properties, which is contradictory and unduly restrictive on future development;
- The criteria used to classify properties as either “contributing” or “non-contributing” is overly vague and does not sufficiently account for issues related to structural stability, substantiality, health and safety and accessibility;
- The Plan does not demonstrate its ability to strengthen business areas, leverage economic development, have regard for provincial policy and conform to the City’s Official Plan; and
- It is inappropriate to finalize the Plan while the King-Spadina Secondary Plan and TOcore initiatives are ongoing and incomplete.

For the reasons noted above, we object to the adoption of the Plan in its current form.

Please notify the undersigned of any and all meetings, including open house, public, Council and committee meetings, reports and background reports with respect to the Plan.

Sincerely,

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