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Subject: My comments for 2017.PB24.1 on June 22, 2017 Toronto Preservation Board
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the June 22, 2017 Toronto Preservation Board meeting on item 2017.PB24.1, Designation of the King-Spadina Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

The following are my comments, which have been sent to HPS in a letter.

I have attended all of the meetings with respect to the proposed King-Spadina HCD. For any meeting I could not attend, I sent staff, and was briefed by them after the meeting.

The whole process has been very confusing. The purpose of the HCD is very questionable in the King-Spadina area. Most heritage buildings in the area are already listed or designated – so they are protected. The implications of the HCD and Plan are vague and difficult to understand. It will penalize owners of heritage buildings that have worked so hard to preserve their buildings. It will create more bureaucracy.

I fully support the Toronto Entertainment District in the case they make about the process being flawed for putting forward this HCD. People have attended the meetings and read the draft report to understand why there should be an HCD in King-Spadina and what it means. There has not been an opportunity to comment. Therefore, this is unfair.

I have read the King-Spadina Heritage Conservation Plan (Draft October 2016). I was very disturbed that the Draft Plan on page 17 has two brief paragraphs about what has happened in the area from the 1990's onward. It appears to not consider the Regeneration of this area, other than to mention on page 32 that "the City approved a new planning approach in 1996, by identifying King-Spadina as a "Reinvestment Area." As a result of that, this area has become a highly successful high density mixed use residential area next to the financial district of the 4th largest and growing City in North America. This seems to be excluded from the draft draft King-Spadina HCD.

I received an email on Thursday, June 15, 2017 from Barbara Holt of HPS advising me as follows:

“Please be advised that the Toronto Preservation Board will consider the above noted matter at its meeting scheduled for Thursday June 22, 2017 at Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Committee Room #2, Second Floor at 9:30 a.m.

Toronto Preservation Board meetings are open to the public, and you or your representatives are welcome to speak or write in to this body.”

In reviewing this more specifically today, I note that you have to go into the Agenda Item PB24.1 to find the final version - June 2017 King-Spadina Heritage Conservation District HDC Plan report, which is going before Toronto Preservation Board tomorrow for approval.

This is not proper consultation or process to receive comments on such an important issue from interested parties. I have not had time to review the June 2017 version. I just found it.

I request more time to review this. I ask for a better process that the property owners of heritage buildings in King-spadina are heard on this issue.

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