

HARBORD VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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To: Planning and Growth Management
Re: PG 19.2
Heritage Update

Dear Committee Members:

March 31, 2017.

Harbord Village Residents' Association welcomes the work that Heritage Preservation Services has been doing in our neighbourhood and on our borders.

We are bounded by Spadina Avenue, College, Bathurst and Bloor Streets and are home to two Heritage Conservation Districts. We are delighted to see that we are on the list for the next tranche of heritage studies. Likewise, we appreciate the work that has gone into the College St. study, which has identified significant additional heritage assets on the north side of College between Spadina and Bathurst. Work is already underway on assessing heritage value on Spadina Avenue as part of the Spadina study from Bloor to Queen. Independent of this, and to the delight of our neighbourhood, Council recently designated the Ten Editions Bookstore building at Sussex and Spadina.

The expansion of our district represents a knitting together of all these heritage elements and takes in the heart of our neighbourhood.

While the Victorian downtown is a fast disappearing asset along the Yonge corridor, our neighbourhood to the west of the University of Toronto has remained remarkably intact. However, pressures do exist, particularly on the treatment of porches and façades as houses are updated. Because this work is undertaken in most cases without a building permit, it is not easily recognized in determining how quickly a heritage district should be put in place. We urge the committee to take this into consideration when deciding on which neighbourhoods should have priority. We need the City's help in maintaining our history.

With thanks for your consideration,

Best,

Sue Dexter
HVRA Board