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Attn: Mr. David Shiner, Chair  
Planning and Growth Management Committee  
100 Queen Street West,  
10<sup>th</sup> FL, West Tower, City Hall  
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Dear Mr. Shiner,

The real estate industry has been surprised by the recent proposed inclusion of 258 commercial "Main Street" mid-town properties on the City's Heritage Register.

The Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB), which represents close to 50,000 commercial and residential REALTORS® from across the Greater Toronto Area, would like to take this opportunity to comment on this proposal as it impacts a significant number of commercial properties in Toronto.

Although TREB does not dispute the merits of heritage designations, we are concerned that such a decision, representing not only a new approach to listing properties, but involving an unprecedented number of properties at one time, has been made in the absence of a fair notification and consultation process, excluding the public, industry and property owners.

Given the reasons noted above, we kindly request that this proposal be deferred by the Planning and Growth Management Committee to allow time for a proper notification and consultation process involving all stakeholders, and that TREB to receive notices on any updates to this proposal and any associated reports in the future.

Thank you for your consideration, and should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mauro Ritacca, TREB's Senior Manager of Government Relations at [mritacca@trebnet.com](mailto:mritacca@trebnet.com) or 416-443-8151.

Sincerely,



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Government Relations Committee Chair

