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**Re: PG 22.5- Inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register - Midtown in Focus - Phase 1: Main Street Properties**

Dear Members of the Planning and Growth Management Committee,

I am writing you today with concerns over the extensive 'batch-list' of 258 commercial "Main Street" properties being recommended for inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register.

After going through the report and many attachments, I see that there are glaring problems with including this unprecedented number of properties to the Heritage Register simultaneously. The main problem that I see is that, according to the report, "detailed historical research was not undertaken at this time to determine potential additional values."

The report explains that the properties were selected because they have "cultural heritage value for the design of the commercial buildings ... identified by the two-storey scale, the glazed commercial storefronts with residential or commercial units in the upper floor, and the modest classical detailing with the corbelled brickwork typical of those dating to the interwar era in North Toronto."

Designating entire rows of properties is not a good idea seeing that a significant portion of main Toronto streets contain the same characteristics but will not be subjected to the restrictions put in place by being listed. While I think that heritage preservation is important, a 'batch-list' is not the way to go when including properties to the City of Toronto's Heritage Register. Each property should be individually looked at and confirmed to be historically significant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop at the top and a series of smaller, connected loops below, ending in a horizontal line.

James Pasternak,  
Toronto City Councillor, Ward 10  
Chair, Community Development and Recreation Committee