July 20, 2018

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Attention: Marilyn Toft
Via email to: clerk@toronto.ca

Re: TE34.44 - 5, 7 and 9 Dale Avenue - Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Amendment Applications - Request for Direction Report (Ward 27); and
TE34.45 - Demolition of Three Heritage Properties in the South Rosedale Heritage Conservation District - 5, 7, and 9 Dale Avenue (Ward 27)

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of City Council,

I am contacting you on behalf of the South Rosedale Residents’ Association to urge you to support the recommendations of City Planning staff and the Toronto Preservation Board regarding an application to demolish three heritage homes at 5, 7 and 9 Dale Avenue and replace them with a luxury four-storey condominium building spanning all three lots.

A decision to permit the destruction of adjacent heritage homes would pose a threat to the integrity of heritage preservation rules not only in the immediate neighbourhood of the homes, but also potentially throughout the city.

On June 20, 2018, the Toronto Preservation Board (TPB) passed a motion recommending Toronto and East York Community Council:

a) Refuse demolition of the 3 heritage rated homes
b) Refuse the application to build a 4 storey apartment building
c) Authorize the City solicitor to attend the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT)
d) Elevate the heritage designation of 7 Dale Avenue from a “C” to a “B” rating
e) Report back on the Ontario Heritage Act Part IV designation of 7 Dale

The TPB motion was based on the recommendations of a thorough and well-researched report by City Planning staff dated June 13, 2018, which is broadly consistent with the findings of an earlier staff report dated January 30, 2018.

We have been advised that City Planning will produce a supplementary report, as yet unpublished as at the time of writing this letter, prior to the July 23, 2018 Council meeting. Whatever the findings of that report, we hope that all Councillors will make a decision that supports the preservation of Toronto’s built heritage, and that is based on the research and full consideration of City staff and the Toronto Preservation Board.
This goal is supported by numerous heritage advisory boards and resident associations across the city, as you will see in the representative correspondence accompanying this letter.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Don Hogarth
President,

Cc: Councillor South Rosedale Residents’ Association Kristyn Wong-Tam
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