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Comments for distribution to Councillors of the Toronto and East York Community Council

Meeting Wednesday April 4, 2018

RE: TE 31.19 "Inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register - 778, 782-792, 812-814, 817, 822-826, 846-850, 849, 883, 895-97, 905, 929-931, 1216-1220 Broadview Avenue"

Dear Councillors,

Helliwell Place Residents' Association (HPRA) supports the Toronto Preservation Board's recommendations to TEYCC that City Council include 21 properties (778, 782-792, 812-814, 817, 822-826, 846-850, 849, 883, 895-97, 905, 929-931, 1216-1220 Broadview Avenue) on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register.

As written in the Report from the Acting Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, "this collection of properties relates to the history of Broadview Avenue which originated as an Indigenous Peoples' route and was developed in the late 18th century as a road connecting the Don Mills with the town of York" and "all of the properties meet the criteria under contextual and design value".

History and heritage connects people to their urban spaces and creates livable places.

For over two years (2014-2016), many of HPRA's members along with residents of the broader community participated in community consultations for the Broadview Avenue Planning Study to help define a human-scale and livable planning vision for our area, which includes preserving the remaining and unique tangible links to our area's early history and heritage, such as the historical Chester and Todmorden Villages linked to the Don River Mills, and early indigenous history. Part of this study was the creation of a heritage inventory, which includes the above noted Broadview Avenue properties.

Heritage adds character to a neighbourhood. In an environment where histories become literally bulldozed, as a first step, our neighbourhood's heritage can be preserved by ensuring the above noted Broadview Avenue properties become included in Toronto's Heritage Register.

We respectfully urge the Councillors to support the Toronto Preservation Board's recommendations.

Please keep HPRA informed of all decisions related to Agenda Item TE 31.19.

Sincerely,



Magda Wesolkowska
President
Helliwell Place Residents' Association

Helliwell Place Residents' Association (HPRA) works to ensure development in our neighbourhood is moderate, human-scale and in line with the community's vision as expressed through the Broadview Avenue Planning Study. Our area encompasses Broadview Avenue (both sides) from Pretoria Avenue up to Pottery Road/Mortimer Avenue (south side) including the Nealon pocket bounded by Jackman Avenue on the east and Fulton Avenue (neither side) on the south. Our name is drawn from the 19th c. Helliwell farm and estate. The Helliwells were one of the three founding families of the Todmorden mills, brewery, distillery and village, and community leaders of their day.

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