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

Meeting Wednesday April 4, 2018

RE: TE 31.20 "Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act - 1132 Broadview Avenue"

Dear Councillors,

Helliwell Place Residents' Association (HPRA) supports the Toronto Preservation Board's recommendations to TEYCC that:
1. City Council amend the inclusion of the property at 1132 Broadview Avenue on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register to include the Margaret R. and Harry A. Newman Building.
2. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 1132 Broadview Avenue under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 1132 Broadview Avenue (Reasons for Designation) attached as Attachment 3 to the report (March 12, 2018) from the Acting Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division".

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.

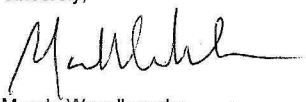
Designating 1132 Broadview Avenue would be a significant step in ensuring that this future planning vision of our neighbourhood becomes reality.

Both the 19th century "Coach House" and the Margaret R. and Harry A. Newman Building at 1132 Broadview Avenue, as rare buildings with significant cultural heritage value for our area, add character to our neighbourhood.

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

Please keep HPRA informed of all decisions related to Agenda Item TE 31.20.

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.

Cc:
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