



G R A N G E

4 June 2018

Re: **TE33.14** 582-590 King Street West et al | **TEYCC 6 June 2018**

To the Chair and Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council:

This is the second of three comments today by the Grange Community Association about Ward 20 development matters.

In collaboration with the Garment District Neighbourhood Association we have studied this application in detail, attended the public consultations and talked with residents of the adjacent condominium, and have met twice directly with the developer and KFA architects.

In our opinion this proposal should not go to the Tribunal. Although in general we tend to sympathize with City staff in matters like this, we cannot do so here.

Servicing this site is challenging, and after a number of iterations, the problems have been solved. What remains involves heritage; in fact all four staff objections (listed as 1.a thru 1.d in the *Recommendations* section of the *Request for Direction*) are about heritage and nothing but heritage.

In our opinion this proposal overall admirably respects the history and heritage of the site. It does so both *functionally* and *visually* by spotlighting the old construction on both the exterior and interior. The new system of slanting braces frames and calls attention to the old building, and the use of a former exterior brick wall as an interior wall in the lobby further emphasizes the beauty of the old construction.

We think the proposal combines the old and the new in a way that will likely be admired 50 years from now. Given the lack of significant criticisms by planning and design staff to all other aspects of the proposal, **we urge you to support this appropriate modern update.**

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