

THE BEACH & EAST TORONTO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Remarks to:

Toronto and East York Community Council, Item TE34.22, July 4, 2018

Considering:

**Danforth Avenue Planning Study – Coxwell Avenue to Victoria Park Avenue – City
initiated Official Plan Amendment – Final Report**

Chair Kristyn Wong-Tam , fellow Councillors:

Good morning!

Thank you for giving our Society the opportunity to comment on the item regarding the Danforth Avenue Study; and indirectly, the Main Street Study.

My name is Uwe Sehmrau, President of The Beach and East Toronto Historical Society (TBETHS), and my remarks represent the position of the Board. I'm accompanied by Deborah Livingston-Lowe, a Director, who will also make some brief remarks.

Our Society learned about the terms of reference for the 'Main Street Study' at a community meeting held by City Planning staff on June 13, 2018.

Although the terms of reference outlined by the staff included components for 'Heritage and Historic Character', these aspects were to be identified ..."using information obtained through the heritage assessment from the Danforth Avenue Planning Study". Regrettably, a very significant heritage building within the Main Street Study area is not covered by the Danforth Avenue Planning Study area.

We are concerned that this process will omit the assessment of an important heritage building at 292 Main Street, just south of Danforth Avenue. Our Society has expressed the heritage significance of this building to the City as early 1984, and are now worried that it is being left out

of being assessed through Planning Studies currently underway. Information about its history and architecture is attached to our submission.

Figure 25. on page 29. of the Staff Report being discussed today, shows the 'Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment Study Area. This map shows an expanded study area for Dawes Road south and north of Danforth Avenue because of identified heritage resources. We respectfully request that a similar provision is made for the west side of Main Street from Danforth Avenue to Stephenson Avenue.

Deborah has some remarks about our Society's interest in helping Heritage Preservation Services in conducting a more fulsome study of the larger planning study area, as identified in recommendation 5. of this item.

Thank you for considering this request.

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