



THE BELMONT-HILLSBORO HERITAGE INTEREST GROUP

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Chair and Members of the Toronto Preservation Board
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto

Re: 27 Feb. Preservation Board Mtg: Agenda Item PB3.3
Inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register - 28, 38-52 and 66-74 Belmont Street

Dear Sirs/Madams:

The Belmont-Hillsboro Heritage Interest Group was formed in 2014 by residents on Belmont Street and Hillsboro Avenue with the mandate to work together with the City's Heritage Preservation Services department to protect the historic architecture of this special neighbourhood. In 2015 the Interest Group nominated the Belmont-Hillsboro area for study and consideration as a Heritage Conservation District.

We are in full support of the recommendations by Heritage Preservation Services to add the 14 properties under consideration to the Heritage Register. Four of these properties had been previously requested for individual listing and designation by their owners in 2014 and 2015, and all of the properties are recommended for inclusion in the proposed Heritage Conservation District.

The Belmont-Hillsboro Heritage Conservation District was first proposed to Heritage Toronto in 1999 but the nomination was misplaced during amalgamation. Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam then re-initiated it by inviting the residents to submit a detailed nomination in 2015, which City Council authorized for formal Study on 12 June 2016, and prioritized on 31 January 2018. The Interest Group has completed a great deal of research, and we are hoping that Preservation Services may begin its work on the formal Study this year, if possible, with Interim Protection Measures coming into effect. In the meantime, while waiting for the Study to begin, we hope that listing will provide a significant measure of heritage preservation for Belmont Street.

Yours truly,

The Belmont-Hillsboro Heritage Interest Group

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