

**HARBORD VILLAGE
RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION**

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To: Members, Heritage Preservation Board
Re: PB 7.4

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Harbord Village Residents' Association applauds the work of HPS and the project architects and developers, and Bloor St. United Church.

Led by Councillors Layton and Cressy and the Annex Residents' Association, the working group process was considered professional and the result was a sensitive combination of tower and historic.

The working group had a mailing list of 28 individuals and groups, held 7 meetings, addressed a long roster of issues, including public realm, building placement, density, materiality, community benefits, as well as heritage.

The building that emerged was improved, had a better neighbourhood fit, and at the same time, did not materially reduce the impact or heritage integrity of Bloor St. United on the significant corner of Huron.

Marianne McKenna continues to be a responsive and engaged contributor to Bloor St. and the University campus. Maurice Wager, the project developer, showed patience, candour and flexibility which led the development team to a good result.

Bloor St. United minister Martha ter Kuile appreciated the community's concerns about the shortage of community space and the need for the Church to assist in providing it.

Finally, we commend Dan DiBartolo and Mary MacDonald for their continuing commitment to the protection of Toronto's heritage assets.

In a time where heritage preservation is at a premium, where good developments with good public realm and community benefits are to be commended, this is a winner for all.

Respectfully,

Sue Dexter
Board Member,
Harbord Village Residents' Association