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Toronto and East York Community Council
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RE: TE5.11 – Inclusion on the City of Toronto’s Heritage Register – 28, 38-52 and 66-74 Belmont Street

Members, Toronto and East York Community Council,

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Toronto Branch, has been engaged in preserving Toronto’s architectural heritage since 1933. Not all of Toronto’s heritage buildings are legally protected, yet nonetheless those that are not deserve consideration to ensure that future protection remains an option.

We fully support the recommendations by Heritage Preservation Services and the Toronto Preservation Board to list 14 houses on Belmont Street, adding to the 25 houses that were added to the Register in 1973 and 1974. Belmont is an important street. The city’s recognition of the importance of these houses is long overdue.

In 2014, 2015, and 2018, the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario added its voice to the neighbourhood residents, the ABC Residents’ Association, and heritage conservation professionals when applications to the Committee of Adjustment threatened the integrity of this historic streetscape.

The listing on the Heritage Register is an important and necessary tool that will allow for more attention to be given by Heritage Preservation Services when future applications arise.

We ask you to support the motion to list these houses.

Yours truly,

Matthew Zambri, Toronto Branch President