22 May 2019

Councillor Gord Perks
Toronto & East York Community Council
Toronto City Hall
2nd floor, West Tower
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON  M5H 2N2

Re: Zoning Amendment for 406-410 Keele Street – TE6.14

Dear Toronto & East York Community Council members,

As requested, please accept this letter on behalf of The Junction Heritage Conservation District (HCD) regarding the final staff report that recommends approval of a Zoning By-law Amendment for 406-410 Keele Street.

The Junction HCD strives to be consistent in its evaluation of all redevelopment applications to safeguard the integrity of our future heritage district, which is intended to be a microcosm of the town of West Toronto Junction at the core of the former city that amalgamated with Toronto in 1909.

We were impressed by the quality of the final staff report, but a correction is required because The Junction HCD was misquoted on page 16.

According to the staff report, we “are concerned that the inset balconies are not in keeping with the existing heritage character of the Junction;” which is false.

To quote from our May 2018 analysis: “Another important preference is inset balconies; projecting balconies are not in keeping with the existing heritage character of the Junction.”

I would also ask that The Junction HCD be formally granted site-plan participation in your motion to accept the recommendations in the staff report.

Thank you again for all your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tina Leslie
President, The Junction HCD