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**Cc:** [Councillor Grimes](#)  
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Re: **Item 2020.MM27.12** for City of Toronto Council Meeting on December 16, 2020.  
(<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.MM27.12>), **Planning Application Screening and the Heritage Review Process - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Mayor John Tory**

*Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:*

*1. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to conduct a review of heritage screening and evaluation within the context of all planning applications to ensure the early identification of properties with cultural heritage value or interest and timely interim protection while a property is undergoing consideration for heritage designation.*

The tragic [demolition of 98 Superior Ave](#) in Mimico occurred on Monday November 30, 2020 just hours before the property was to be reviewed for heritage designation by the Toronto Preservations Board. The owner/contractor was able to use a loophole in the City's heritage review process and planning processes to apply for and receive a legal demolition permit before the TPB meeting was held.

The Etobicoke Historical Society supports motion 2020.MM27.12 as put forward to Council by Ward 3 Councillor Grimes. The city must review it's internal processes to ensure that a property undergoing consideration for heritage evaluation can not be threatened by individuals who know to use the planning system to their advantage.

We hope that the City Council will pass this motion to help protect Toronto's built heritage in the future.

Sincerely,

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