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City Council
12th floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Marilyn Toft

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Council,

Re: MM27.12 Planning Application Screening and the Heritage Review Process

I am writing to express my strong support for Councillor Grimes's motion regarding the planning application screening process and heritage. The malice with which 98 Superior Ave was demolished just hours before it would have been reviewed for heritage designation at our last Preservation Board meeting on November 30, should be a rallying cry to prevent this type of demolition in the future.

I am fully supportive of Staff efforts to revise the process with Council support. Unfortunately, the legal loophole used by the property owner is a provincial matter related to the building code and "as of right" building and demolition permits. Therefore, I encourage Council to support whatever is required to amend the disconnect between notice of a building under study and the issuance of building and demolition permits. The objective would be to have the same deferral process that currently exists for committee of adjustment, which was in effect for 98 Superior Avenue.

Yours sincerely,

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