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Attention: 2020 CAHP Awards Jury

Re: CAHP Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination - Kathryn Anderson

It is my great pleasure to nominate Kathryn Anderson for the lifetime achievement award to recognize her thirty years of service to the City of Toronto and her outstanding contribution as an architectural historian in the conservation of heritage in Canada.

In 2018, I was honoured to present Kathryn with the City Planning's Most Valuable Player WePlanTO Award for her exemplary commitment to the Heritage Preservation Services unit. MVPs are City Planning's unsung heroes that always work hard, even behind the scenes, to enable us to deliver on our priorities.

AN ACCOUNT OF KATHRYN'S CONTRIBUTIONS

For the last 30 years no single person has had a greater influence on conserving and celebrating the heritage fabric of the City of Toronto than Kathryn Anderson. Ms. Anderson joined the Toronto Historical Board in 1989, undertaking research and evaluation of heritage properties and producing reports for City Council recommending their inclusion on the City's Heritage Register and designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. For many years largely single-handedly, Kathryn has researched and evaluated thousands of properties and written hundreds of Statements of Significance, contributing substantially to our understanding of Toronto's rich cultural heritage.

Kathryn's reports represent the highest standard of architectural history. Evocative prose makes her voluminous work a pleasure to read, and her exhaustive research and clearly articulated evaluations means they are defensible at the Conservation Review Board (CRB) and OMB/LPAT. In the CRB Decision regarding the City's Intention to Designate under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act the Alfred D. Morrow House at 276 Forest Hill Road, the CRB agreed with the City's assessment of value and in doing so the member noted:

"In both examination and cross-examination, Ms. Anderson showed herself to be direct, careful,

detailed and precise in her observations. Her conclusions were well-supported by research and connected to secondary source material that placed the Property in a historical and architectural context."

As a result, the Part IV designation of the property prevented demolition of the house and severance of the property. The house is currently undergoing restoration.

Kathryn's many reports constitute an important publicly accessible record of Toronto's history. As an additional testament to her commitment, Kathryn assembled, maintained, digitized and archived a collection of nearly 30,000 photographs and slides of heritage properties in pre-amalgamated Toronto, North York, Scarborough and Etobicoke, securing the long-term retention of these irreplaceable visual records.

Without exception, as an unequalled leader in municipal heritage evaluation in Canada, Kathryn's work has taken her to every corner of the City. From landmark buildings and landscapes to finely-grained residential streetscapes, her versatility is unquestioned. Properties belonging to nearly every major institution in the City from the Toronto District School Board and the University of Toronto to St. Michael's Hospital, the Don Jail, and the LCBO Headquarters, have all been researched and evaluated by Kathryn as an act of dedicated public service.

She has worked on heritage landscapes such as Allan Gardens, Grange Park, and the Guild Inn and has completed notable architectural surveys, including documenting the works of Uno Prii, Eden Smith and North York's Modernist landmarks. Many of Toronto's most notable and identifiable buildings such as City Hall, Etobicoke and Scarborough Civic Centers, Hart House, the CN Tower, Stanley Barracks, Casa Loma, Maple Leaf Gardens, Roy Thompson and Massey Halls, the Dominion Public Building and the Danforth Avenue Carhouse have been the subject of Kathryn's scrupulous evaluations. Her research also underpinned the successful implementation of Heritage Conservation Districts such as Draper Street, Historic Yonge Street and King-Spadina.

In recent years, Kathryn has participated in numerous major planning studies including Midtown in Focus, West Donlands, the Central and East Waterfront, Downsview Park, Ossington Avenue, College Street and St. Clair Avenue West. Most recently, the Cultural Heritage Landscape study of Exhibition Place, which received a CAHP Award in 2019, and the University of Toronto Secondary Plan have benefited from Kathryn's expertise.

Toronto is not the only municipality that has benefitted from Kathryn's contribution to the profession. She got her start in the field working in the municipalities of Newmarket and Aurora, where she quickly established herself as a meticulous and dependable researcher working for the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees preparing OHA designations. Her legacy from this time lives on in the form of researcher notes held in the collection of the Aurora Museum and Archives and through designated buildings such as St. Paul's Anglican Church, which thanks to Kathryn's evidence, survived an appeal to the CRB.

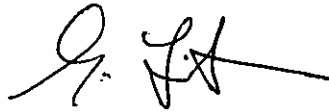
In all of her work Kathryn collaborates with colleagues across disciplines, communicates clearly and effectively and provides rigorous leadership and mentorship. In consistently meeting

a heavy workload demand to provide a steady stream of Council reports to conserve the City's heritage properties, Kathryn has demonstrated her efficiency and effectiveness.

As a Heritage Planning/Urban Design team member Kathryn's astute judgment, dry wit and consideration for her colleagues has contributed immeasurably to the quality of the unit's workplace. No matter how pressed she is for time, she always makes room in her day to assist colleagues and respond to public enquiries, and she happily shares her immense knowledge and resources with others. Generous in spirit, Kathryn has made a fundamental contribution to building a strong team of heritage professionals who share and benefit from her passion for heritage.

It is with great respect and admiration that Toronto City Planning nominates her for this award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Lintern', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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