



November 24, 2020

Ms. Sandra Shaul, Chair
Toronto Preservation Board
2nd floor, West Tower, Toronto City Hall
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Shaul and Board Members,

I write to convey the opinion of the Ossington Community Association (OCA), by acclamation of its Executive Board, in regard to agenda item number PB19.9, the proposal for Inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register—Ossington Avenue Properties.

The OCA enthusiastically **supports** the November 9, 2020 Report from the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning, in regard to this matter; and urges the Toronto Preservation Board to adopt the Report.

Preservation of the streetscape of Ossington Avenue between Queen Street West and Dundas Street West (the 'Ossington Strip') has been a central interest of the OCA since the time of the OCA's chartering, in July 2012. The Association and its members have been closely involved in various activities on behalf of this important aspect of Toronto's cultural heritage, including:

- Agitating for, and then promoting public attention to, and participating in, the 2013 Ossington Avenue Planning Study, which would culminate in the adoption of Site and Area Specific Official Plan Policy #453;
- Preparation and submission of a (to our knowledge, still-active) nomination of the Ossington Strip for Heritage Conservation District status (and, instrumentally to this, preparation of the canonical history of the Ossington Strip and its urban environment, *On the Ossington Strip*, available for download at bit.ly/theossingtonstrip);
- Consulting with and encouraging then-local Councillor Mike Layton on behalf of a 'bulk' inclusion of Ossington Strip properties on the Heritage Register;
- Offering input to Heritage Planning regarding the formation of the current list of properties for inclusion on the Heritage Register;

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- Engaging in various campaigns on behalf of public awareness of Ossington Strip cultural heritage, including promotion of *On the Ossington Strip* and hosting a pair of local heritage walks (most recently, the May 2019 *Jane's Walk* 'Empire, war, and meatpacking: Ossington psychogeography').

The OCA is therefore highly gratified that Heritage Planning has prepared this Report, and is most grateful for the care and consideration given to the task; and, to reiterate, the OCA stands in enthusiastic support for the adoption of the Report by the Toronto Preservation Board.

Yours in community,

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Jennifer Horvath
President