

November 25, 2020

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RE: Intention to Designate Under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 41 Spadina Road (Ward 11)

Dear Heritage Preservation Board,

I have had the good fortune to be a tenant at 41 Spadina Road since 1993. Every day, my partner and I appreciate the superb craftsmanship and beauty of Spadina Gardens.

I would like to commend Heritage Preservation Services on their rigorous, well-researched and beautifully written report. I am especially impressed by their acknowledgment of the interior elements of the building including the intelligently designed lay-out of the units, with their beautiful flow and light, and separation of “public” rooms from the private rooms, all guided by a concern for human well-being. I was delighted to read all the information on the origins of the building, including the initial controversy it provoked, as well as the history of the various tenants, particularly all the women in the Canadian cultural sectors—a tradition that continues to the present day. I was both intrigued and very reassured by A.R. Denison’s experience with the design of warehouses and his related focus on fire safety following the Great Fire of 1904, a concern that is evident throughout the building.

Spadina Gardens deserves recognition as an historic and cultural landmark, but also as a living, working building that shelters many diverse family configurations, including people of all ages with varying abilities and mobility. It is a true home, a community of neighbours who help and support each other.

Other tenants stand with me on their appreciation of and gratitude for the report and have kindly agreed to co-sign this letter.

I sincerely hope that the Board will recommend approval by TEYCC of the Designation of Spadina Gardens.

With my thanks,

Charlotte Mickie

Co-Signed by: Eric Norlen, Bobbi Speck, Dandi Maestre, Rodolfo Moseres, David Young, Jill Fraser, Marc Wise, Sarah Imresek, Barbara Domenic, Neil MacDonald, Marcia Sherman

