



November 27, 2020

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

Re: Item PB19.8 – additions to the City of Toronto’s Heritage Register

The West Side Community Council (WSCC) enthusiastically supports the adoption by the Toronto Preservation Board of the November 9, 2020 report of the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning, under consideration in Item PB19.8.

The WSCC comprises thirteen community associations from University to Roncesvalles. Our member groups have participated in a number of previous City Planning Area Studies (including, in recent memory, the Queen West and Ossington Avenue Area Studies). As a part of this, our members have themselves produced three studies of West Queen West and its surrounding context: ‘The Toronto West Queen West Triangle – Heritage Conservation District Study’ (Active 18, November 2010); the Ossington Avenue Heritage Conservation District Nomination ‘On the Ossington Strip’ (Ossington Community Association, November 2014); and ‘The Queen West Study – Observations & Recommendations’ (Parkdale Residents Association, February 2015).

WSCC member groups have been closely involved in the West Queen West and Parkdale Main Street studies, in a variety of ways. These include: raising public awareness of the process and its several public meetings; attending the many meetings of the two community workgroups; and communicating with City Staff regarding the detailed formulation of the policies (including the production of the above-mentioned PRA study). We have contributed this energy and time because Queen Street West is dear to our hearts, and because we agree with City Staff that the cultural heritage of the West Queen West and Parkdale Main Street areas is a matter of the highest interest to the people of the adjacent areas — and indeed of the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario (and, if international renown is a guide, to the ‘human community’ broadly).

Listing of the suggested properties on the City Heritage Register is a crucial component of the upcoming Heritage Conservation Districts. Accordingly, to reiterate, the WSCC enthusiastically supports the adoption of the Report by the Toronto Preservation Board.

Sincerely,



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Secretary/Chair, Parkdale Residents Association

Members of the WSCC (www.westsidecc.ca) include the Grange Community Association, the Harbord Village Residents' Association, the Garment District Neighbourhood Association, the Trinity Bellwoods Community Association, the Ossington Community Association, the Lakeview Avenue Neighbourhood Association, the Liberty Village Residents' Association, Beaconsfield Village Residents' Association, Active 18, the Parkdale Residents Association, Roncesvalles-Macdonell Residents Association, and the Bloordale Community Improvement Association.