



The East York Foundation

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Toronto Preservation Board
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Attention: Ellen Devlin

**RE: PB19.12 Inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register - Danforth Avenue
(Coxwell Avenue to Victoria Park Avenue) and Dawes Road Properties (Ward 19)**

Dear Chair Sandra Shaul and Members, Toronto Preservation Board,

The East York Foundation (EYF), which was created in 1964 by Act of Provincial Parliament, based on the boundaries of the former Borough of East York, is a registered charity with a mission of cultural and community service, including stewardship of a collection of original Canadian Art.

The EYF wishes to express our strong support for the recommended listing of the 165 properties with potential cultural heritage value or interest located on Danforth Avenue and Dawes Road on the City of Toronto Heritage Register. The Dawes Road properties include eleven that are located within the former Borough of East York (8 bay and gable, one semi-detached, one Ontario House, and one foursquare).

The 165 heritage properties recommended in this report were identified through Phase One (encompassing Coxwell to Victoria Park) of the Danforth Avenue Planning Study. A Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment was completed as part of this project, including the preparation of a Historic Context Statement and a heritage survey to document and identify heritage properties within the study area. At the City Council meeting held on July 23, 2018, City Council adopted Official Plan Amendment 420 for the lands fronting Danforth Avenue between Coxwell Avenue and Victoria Park Avenue, and directed the Director, Urban Design, City Planning to research and evaluate properties with potential cultural heritage value identified in the report:

Residents across Toronto have been outraged by the loss of historic commercial properties having obvious cultural heritage value and interest, such as occurred with the BMO Building at 2444 Yonge Street in January, 2017.

Listing will ensure that properties such as these would undergo prior assessment as to whether or not they deserve to be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, and their heritage attributes retained and conserved. This change does not affect the legal rights of the property owner or affect their ability to renovate or maintain their property.

The downtown commercial areas are under enormous pressure for re-development. These same areas have significant character and charm which is eroding, and at risk of loss. Multiple listing to allow prior assessment in case of demolition permit application is an appropriate way of ensuring this.

We appreciate and support the initiative of the City to move forward on this endeavour.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond J. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Raymond" being more prominent.

Raymond J. White
Chair of the Board

cc. Councillor Brad Bradford, Ward 19