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Toronto and East York Community Council
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Dear Toronto and East York Community Council,

On behalf of Architectural Conservancy Ontario members around Ontario, I am writing to recommend that the properties at 661 and 663-665 Huron Street, Toronto be added to the City's Heritage Register and designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, for their significant cultural heritage value.

Toronto Heritage Planners McFarland and MacDonald clearly describe the architectural and contextual significance of these properties in [their August 7 report](#).

The added historical significance of 661 Huron Street, as the former residence of seventy-two (72) young immigrant British girls who were recruited and trained for domestic service, is what prompts my letter today. Many ACO members around the province have British Home Children ancestors. They have asked me, as Chair of the ACO's Provincial Board of Directors, to help ensure their voices are heard by you.

This Toronto property is meaningful to ACO members. It is a very important and highly significant part of their cultural heritage.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me at president@acontario.ca or 519-635-8951.

[Architectural Conservancy Ontario](#) is a provincial charity with 18 branches around Ontario. Our mission is to encourage the conservation and adaptive reuse of structures, districts and landscapes of architectural, historic and cultural significance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kae Elgie'.

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