



Friday October 9, 2020

Toronto City Hall,
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

RE: Agenda Item Number TE 19.11
BCCA request for immediate Level IV Heritage Status for the 2 heritage buildings on the 78 to 90 Avenue Road Site
BCCA request for definition of the boundaries of the Ontario Legislative Precinct
BCCA request for the formation of a group or council to provide protection for the existing heritage elements within the Ontario Legislative Precinct Area.

To the Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council:

This planetarium site is adjacent to the catchment area of our Bay Cloverhill Community Association (BCCA).

The BCCA requests that immediate action be taken to protect Falconer Hall and the second heritage building on this site. This would require Level IV Heritage Status for each of the 2 buildings.

Additionally, the BCCA requests that a committee be struck to define the boundaries of the Ontario Legislative Precinct. That defined precinct area would require official status and protection.

Further, it is eminently clear that a Steward of this historic civic space must be found. The BCCA strongly supports the creation of a body responsible for the protection and oversight of this Ontario Legislative Precinct similar to the National Capital Precinct in Ottawa.

Since amalgamation of the cities and boroughs into the City of Toronto in 1999, no governmental body has been tasked with the responsibility of the protection of the critical area in proximity to our provincial Legislative buildings. In 2011, a small group of dedicated area residents took the lead on the protection of the Legislative View Corridor. Now, in 2020, a group of local residents is leading in the protection of the heritage nature of our provincial Legislature.

We say it is time for our city to take action to create an official body responsible for the cohesive landscape and built form of the Ontario Legislative Precinct

The BCCA urges you, our leaders in the protection of this important provincial civic and heritage site, to begin the process of firm protection of our most sacred democratic provincial legislative area, the

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Ontario Legislative Precinct. It is not just for Toronto, it is for everyone who lives in our great province. We say “do it now and do it decisively.”

Respectfully,

The BCCA Executive: Marilyn Tait-McClellan, President; Cathy Carnevali, Secretary; Norman Waite, Treasurer; Jack Candido and Kathryn Holden, Members at large.

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