NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

June 11, 2021

Toronto Preservation Board c/o City Clerks Office City Hall, 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: **PB25.8** Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act - 2 Valleyanna Drive

Dear Madame Chair and members:

I would like to express the support of the North York Community Preservation Panel for the designation of 2 Valleyanna Drive under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its design and physical, historical and associative, and contextual value. The property, known as the Annandale Gatehouse, was listed on the City's Heritage Register on September 27, 2006.

Originally serving as the gatehouse to Dr. Herbert Bruce's "Annandale" 100-acre estate, it was designed by noted architect Eden Smith in 1920-21. Extensive renovations to the estate house were commissioned by Alfred Rogers, the next owner, and the name was changed to Uplands. In the later 1950s, Uplands was demolished and Valleyanna Drive was created on the former estate. The gatehouse was converted to a private residence – 2 Valleyanna Drive. It is the only reminder, visible from Bayview Avenue, of the estates on the east side of Bayview between Blythwood and Lawrence.

The Panel strongly supports the designation of 2 Valleyanna Drive under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Yours truly,

Alex. M. Grenzebach

Interim Chair, North York Community Preservation Panel