

The voice of our community

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Gord Perks, Chair, and Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council

TE23.23 103 Heath St West Inclusion in the City of Toronto's Heritage Register

The Deer Park Residents Group (DPRG) supports approval of the recommendations of the report. A development application is currently being proposed for the site and the house next door and it is important that the special features of 103 be respected.

The City of Toronto has a significant history and has some of the largest collections of Victorian houses in North America. 103 Heath was built at a time when Victorian-style houses dominated a number of the City's older neighbourhoods. It has several unique features including the bay-and gable-style.

As Toronto is Canada's largest City, we cannot always allow our history to make room for the new, but in this case, we should do so. Preserving the unique Victorian James Hobbs House (1892) like another great Victorian at 55 Heath West (1896) is important for our heritage and history.

Yours sincerely,

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