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Toronto and East York Community Council

Email: [teycc@toronto.ca](mailto:teycc@toronto.ca)

### **RE: TEYCC - Inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register – Queen Street East – Leslieville Properties**

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To the Toronto and East York Community Council:

We are the owners of the property at 935 Queen Street East, Toronto. The property contains a house built around 1910 that has been modified for commercial purposes. It is located on the south side of Queen Street East, just west of Carlaw Street, between two surface parking lots.

We recently learned that the City intends to add our property to the Heritage Register as part of a neighbourhood-wide survey process. Due to the Province-wide lockdown and stay-at-home order that was in effect through February in Toronto, we were unable to attend at our offices and therefore did not receive notice of this direction until the opportunity to raise our concerns before the Toronto Preservation Board had passed. We understand that the Preservation Board adopted this item on March 24, 2021.

We have not submitted a proposal to develop our property, nor do we have imminent plans to do so. We do, however, have significant concerns regarding its potential change in status, as we do not have a clear sense of the City's intentions and do not feel that our property merits particular protection.

As property owners we would expect, at a minimum, to have been meaningfully included in this public process. Instead, the City declined to adjust their typical notice practices to account for the unprecedented circumstances of the lockdown and stay-at-home order. As a result, we were not even notified. We doubt that we are the only property owners in this position and request the Toronto and East York Community Council to defer this matter to allow for an extended notice period and meaningful consultation with the community.

We have consulted with ERA Architects Inc. in an effort to better understand this process and intend to meet with Councilor Fletcher to discuss the matter further. In the meantime, without a clear understanding of what this change means at a practical level, we are left to object to the inclusion of our property on the Heritage Register and request deferral of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Gragtmans', written over a light blue background.

Ian Gragtmans  
President  
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