



## **The Annex Residents' Association**

Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen St West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Delivered via email : [teycc@toronto.ca](mailto:teycc@toronto.ca)

June 21, 2021

Attention: Members of Council

### **RE: Agenda Item TE26.6 73 Queen's Park Crescent East/ Official Plan and Zoning Amendment Application**

We are writing on behalf of the Annex Residents' Association (ARA) in support of the recommendation for the approval of this application.

The ARA has been an active participant with the Queen's Park Heritage Precinct Coalition, advocating for a cultural heritage landscape study of the Queen's Park Precinct to ensure heritage resources are conserved and enhanced by any new development. The Queen's Park Precinct is a "collection of civic buildings and parks, public spaces and streets of provincial and city wide importance". Absent this study this project for Victoria College at the University of Toronto seems to fulfill many of qualities one would imagine to be endorsed by the study, contributing substantially to both the quality and character of the precinct.

The proposed building has a modern sensibility, a respect for context and an enriched public realm. The curved form and the glazed ground floor with publicly accessible spaces including a cafe serve to engage with Queen's Park Crescent. The rich landscape plan creates positive outdoor spaces and an upgraded and more clearly articulated pedestrian realm. The new building is also positioned to allow a clear view of the Victoria College building to the north from Queen's Park.

The Annex Residents Association strongly supports this application.

Yours sincerely,

Rita Bilerman  
Chair, Annex Residents' Association

David Sisam  
Member, ARA Planning + Development Committee

C: Councillor Mike Layton