



22 June 2021

Re: TE26.20: Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 1354, 1358, and 1360 Queen Street West

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

The Sunnyside Historical Society / Parkdale Village Historical Society (SHS/PVHS) wholeheartedly supports the Designation of 1354-1360 Queen Street West, Toronto (including its active entrances at 2-6 Brock Avenue, Toronto) under Part IV, Section 29 *Ontario Heritage Act*. We find the heritage *Intention to Designate* report is grounded in evidence, very thorough, and we are in agreement with it.

1354-1360 Queen Street West are important, historic Parkdale properties located at the northwest corner of Brock Avenue and Queen Street West. This intersection was the historic centre of the former Village of Parkdale. The SHS/PVHS is in opposition to the proposed demolition of 1354-1356 Queen Street West as part of the recent 9-storey, mixed-use (primarily condominiums) redevelopment application by KingSett Capital. As such, the SHS/PVHS appreciates and is in full support of the City of Toronto Heritage Preservation Services, the Toronto Preservation Board, and the Toronto and East York Community Council taking action to protect 1354-1360 Queen Street West via Designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The SHS/PVHS would also like to note further appreciation and support for the inclusion of regional Indigenous history within the City of Toronto Heritage Preservation Services' *Intention to Designate* report for 1354-1360 Queen Street West. The SHS/PVHS and its members have been significantly involved in the *Parkdale Main Street Heritage Conservation District* (HCD); the *West Queen West Heritage Conservation District* (HCD); and the *Queen Street West Planning Study (Bathurst Street to Roncesvalles Avenue)* studies since the initial launch of these studies in 2013.

The SHS/PVHS and its members have also been intensively and regularly involved in municipal community consultation, community council, and planning processes pertaining to 1354-1360 Queen Street West from the September 2020 pre-application public consultation meeting onward. The SHS/PVHS is committed to the preservation of the Queen Street West streetscape according to the terms outlined after extensive community consultation in both the ongoing *Heritage Conservation Districts* studies and the enacted *Queen Street West Planning Study (Bathurst Street to Roncesvalles Avenue)*. The SHS/PVHS and its members have also conducted detailed research and have had in-depth discussions regarding 1354-1360 Queen Street West.

In April 2021, the SHS/PVHS also started an online petition – titled *Save the Corner of Brock and Queen West* - which opposes the demolition of 1354-1356 Queen Street West and supports the heritage protection, retention, and restoration of all of the historic buildings at 1354-1360 Queen Street West. As of the time of writing this, the petition now has over 1950 signatures supporting this position. This petition also demonstrates significant community support for the heritage protection and retention of the historic buildings at 1354-1360 Queen Street West, Toronto.¹

We look forward to future communication and engagement with the City of Toronto Heritage Preservation Services and the Toronto Preservation Board.

Signed,

Adam Wynne and Jack Gibney
on behalf of the
Sunnyside Historical Society / Parkdale Village Historical Society (SHS/PVHS)

¹ The petition is available at this URL: <https://www.change.org/p/toronto-city-council-save-brock-and-queen-west>