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Re: Toronto Preservation Board Meeting January 24, 2022, Item PB30.1: 95 St. Joseph Street - Notice of Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Toronto Preservation Board:

I write to express my strongest support for the intention to designate, under the Ontario Heritage Act, the property at 95 St. Joseph Street which will be considered by the Toronto Preservation Board on 24 January 2022.

I cannot emphasize enough the significance of designating this four-storey complex built within St. Michael's College, in humanizing the proposed development in this corner of town, and in maintaining the only work in Toronto of Canada's most distinguished architect of the Twentieth Century, Ernest Cormier, responsible for the University of Montreal in Montreal and the Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa.

However, I do object to facadism in which only the outer four-storey skin of the building at 95 St. Joseph Street is maintained, as I did in my letter of 22 September 2019 to Toronto Preservation Services. It is my hope that designation will include the volume of the building.

May I congratulate you for your efforts of stewardship which will, I hope, maintain the authenticity of the original structure.

Sincerely,

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Founding Director Emeritus

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