



North Toronto Historical Society

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Toronto Preservation Board
c/o City Clerk's Office
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: TPB meeting on Jan. 24, 2022 item PB 30.2 1909 and 1913 Yonge St.

Dear Mme Chair and members:

The North Toronto Historical Society strongly supports the designation of 1909 and 1913 Yonge St. under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Both 1909 Yonge St. and 1913 Yonge St. are on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register and have design/physical and contextual values. 1909 Yonge St. also has associative/historical values.

With its prominent location at the north east corner at Davisville Ave., 1909 Yonge St. has served as a central landmark of Davisville community for 130 years. The historical connection with the Davis family and its important role as general store and post office for the area during the period of the Town of North Toronto have been well documented. The North Toronto Historical Society has included this local landmark in its walking tours of the area over the last four decades and featured it in their Davisville Village Walk booklet, c1976, revised in 1984 for the Toronto Sesquicentennial. In 1990, the 150th anniversary of the arrival of John Davis in Canada, I conducted a walking tour for Davis family descendants who had gathered from across North America for a special reunion. In 1981 the building was photographed by Peter Scott for the Toronto Public Library as part of a project to document important North Toronto buildings, and it is also featured in photographs from the early 20th century onwards in TPL's digital archive database.

1913 Yonge is important on this section of Yonge St. as a surviving representative example of a row commercial building from the 1920s.

The reasons outlined in the city staff's report, supported by additional research and evaluation, show that these two listed properties meet the requirements for municipal designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Sincerely,

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