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To: The Chair and Members of the Toronto Preservation Board Councillor Layton

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Re: 95 St. Joseph Street – Toronto Preservation Board Meeting 14 June 2022, Agenda Item PB35.4

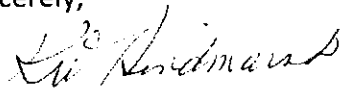
As a member of the local community, I would like voice my disappointment at the lack of heritage protection being proposed in an Alterations Report concerning the Ernest Cormier-designed Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre, located at 95 St. Joseph Street.

This building was designated for Part IV Heritage Protection less than 6 months ago. This designation would appear to be meaningless, and the Alterations Report undermines my faith in the system to protect Toronto's heritage.

There can be no doubt that the Basilian Seminary falls into a sensitive, beautiful, and historic part of Toronto adjacent to Queens Park. The Basilian Seminary is an important contributor to the context of St. Michael's University College Campus – and it is remarkable to find a collection of heritage buildings that have evolved in such a coherent way. Ernest Cormier is perhaps the most significant Canadian architect of his generation, and the Basilian Seminary is one of only three examples of his work in Toronto.

Respected expert Phyllis Lambert from the Canadian Centre for Architecture has written you no less than three letters since 2019, and her opinion is that the planned degree of conservation is unacceptable. I urge you to demand better, and to refuse the easy answer of demolition and facadism. By not approving the current Amendments Report you can force a rethink of the future of this building – thereby preserving a unique building and a special area for the sake of all Torontonians.

Sincerely,



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