



Monday, June 13, 2022

Toronto Preservation Board,
Toronto Ontario

Re: 95 St. Joseph Street
Alterations to a Heritage Property and Authority to Enter into a Heritage Easement
Agreement - 95 St. Joseph Street

To the Toronto Heritage Preservation Board Members:

The BCCA accepts that 95 St Joseph Street as a re-development site within the BCCA catchment area. We acknowledge that 95 St. Joseph Street no longer functions as the home and workplace of the Basilian Priests. To our knowledge, only one priest currently lives on the premises; Staff consists of 2 secretarial/managerial positions and 1 part-time gardener position. We believe it is inevitable that this site will be re-developed in some form.

In approximately 2017, the BCCA nominated 95 St. Joseph Street for Level 4 Heritage protection. We continue to support 95 St. Joseph Street as a heritage site. We acknowledge that over time, alterations have been made to the structure for various reasons. (example: addition of pillars on the façade to accommodate installation of private bathrooms for the numerous aging Basilian residents.) We understand that the structure will be returned to its original Ernest Cormier design as part of the re-development process but that areas will be demolished to allow for re-development.

We know that there are BCCA residents who strongly oppose the re-development changes to this structure and that is their right.

It is a fact that the Province of Ontario and the City of Toronto have legislated that there will be development in the Downtown which includes this site. The BCCA attitude is that we believe the changes being proposed for 95 St. Joseph Street combine the preservation of some of the most important heritage attributes within the re-development of the site.

In short, we support the alterations and Easement requirements outlined by both the Heritage Planning Department and the Community Planning Department.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Holden (on behalf of the BCCA Executive)

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