

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

September 14, 2022

Toronto Preservation Board
c/o City Clerks Office
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: **PB38.2** 551 Mount Pleasant Road – Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act

Dear Madame Chair and members:

I would like to express the North York Community Preservation Panel's support of the intention to designate the property at 551 Mount Pleasant Road (including active entrances at 549, 553 and 555 Mount Pleasant Road) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value.

Designed by the prominent architect Murray Brown, the subject property was constructed in 1927 as a vaudeville theatre and cinema. Later, it was associated with the Crest Theatre, an important repertory company which made a notable contribution to the cultural life of Toronto and Canada. For almost a century, this property has been a neighbourhood landmark and there is great local enthusiasm for its continuing role as a theatre.

The Panel strongly supports the intention to designate this significant property.

Yours truly,

Alex. M. Grenzebach

Interim Chair, North York Community Preservation Panel