



**June 28, 2022**

To: Toronto and East York Community Council (TEYCC)

Re: TE 34.8 - University of Toronto St George Campus Secondary Plan – Official Plan Amendment Application – Final report

Dear Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Yorkville Residents' Association (GYRA). We are one of the founding members of the Queen's Park Heritage Precinct Coalition.

GYRA agrees with the issues identified in the letter of concern from the HVRA and ARA, specifically the significant issue pertaining to the treatment of the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) and the Lillian Massey Building, both of which are at the south corners of Bloor and Queen's Park. We strongly agree with the ARA and HVRA that the Lillian Massey building and the ROM must be included in the Queen's Park character area as gateways to the area and **not** to a Bloor St. planning regime.

We also note that Victoria University in their June 24, 2022 letter to the ARA has endorsed the replacement wording for Attachment OPA – Part One:

**Bloor Street West Character Area**

**Replace** Section 5.11 (d) by the following:

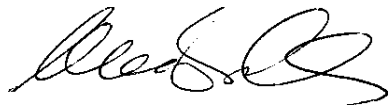
***“The south side of the intersection of Bloor Street West and Queen's Park is unique in that it is on the boundary of different character areas. Commercial uses in this area respond to the Bloor Street Character Area and at the same time they include significant low-scale heritage institutional buildings (Lillian Massey and the heritage portion of the ROM) which must remain without additional development on***

***the footprint of these buildings. This will reinforce and enhance this important and sensitive gateway location.***

***Transition to taller elements and generally higher scale are permitted elsewhere along Bloor Street West. This protection will preserve the Queen's Park Character Area with its generous parks and open spaces forming the cultural heritage precinct.'***

We urge the TEYCC to support the recommendations put forward by the ARA and HVRA and supported by Victoria University.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Baker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alan Baker

President

GYRA – Greater Yorkville Residents' Association