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**Re: Tyndale University College and Seminary**  
**3377 Bayview Avenue, Toronto**

Dear Sirs;

We are writing to you as residents of the Bayview Valley Ratepayers Assoc. I am writing to express how very enthusiastic we are with the decision to designate 3377 Bayview Avenue as a heritage property.

We would be remiss if we did not thank the Heritage Planning Staff for their work in the assessment of this Community Landmark. This site should indeed be recognized for its important historical, cultural, architectural value and for the important role it has played in our Community as a whole.

Over the years we and our neighbours have enjoyed the beauty and architecture of the site, have hiked through the area and enjoyed the Don River ecology; have used the track, prayed there, and even attended camp and school there. Many have picnicked on the grounds. Almost each and every resident has visited the School as it is always used for election voting. I know that although I am not Catholic, that even I attended the visit of Pope John Paul to the site for National Youth Day in 2001. Within years Pope John Paul was dead and canonized. As far as we are aware this is the only site in Toronto where a Saint has actually sojourned. To ignore this historical aspect of the site would be an affront to everyone who is a member of any organized religion. As a student of History and a collector of stained glass I know I personally have enjoyed the plaques, stained glass etc.

Toronto is a World Class City. We should protect our History and our Landmarks—3377 Bayview Avenue is clearly one of these. We have lived here since 1979 and both of us and our three children would like to go on record as supporting the designation of this property. While we will be out of the City on February 16, 2023 and unable to attend the meeting, I would hope you would consider this letter on behalf of our Members.

Yours truly,

Harriet Altman