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Attention: Ellen Devlin, Secretariat,
Toronto Preservation Board

**Re: Letter of Objection
Notice of Intention to Designate 1117 Queen Street West
Toronto Preservation Board Item 2023.PB6.2**

We are the solicitors for Queen Street Post Inc., the owner ("**Queen Street Post Inc.**") of the property municipally known as 1117 Queen Street West (the "**Property**").

By way of this letter, we are serving a notice of objection to the notice of intention to designate the Property. Our client continues to be concerned that the designation process is being rushed unnecessarily, as no development application has been filed for the Property.

Our client is seeking to engage with both Heritage Planning staff and the local community to discuss future redevelopment and/or repurposing options for the Property, which include the prospect of providing community space. The exploration of these options will require flexibility with respect to the heritage attributes of the Property in order for such possibilities to be feasible.

As currently written, the heritage attributes and description of cultural heritage value contained in the "Statement of Significance (Reasons for Designation)", included as Attachment 3 to the Staff Report dated May 10, 2023, preclude the viability of providing meaningful community space on the Property. In addition, the heritage attributes as currently written limit the ability to achieve other redevelopment and repurposing possibilities that would conform with the policies of the Official Plan and represent good planning.

Our client acknowledges the cultural heritage value of the Property, and is not opposed to its future designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in principle. However, at this time, we respectfully request that the notice of intention to designate for the Property be withdrawn until such time that meaningful, cooperative discussions and consultation with Heritage Planning and the local community can take place to identify heritage attributes and prepare an appropriate conservation plan that reconciles the desire for community space, heritage conservation, and other planning objectives.

We also request that the undersigned be provided with notice of any Committee, Community Council and City Council meetings where reports related to the above-noted matter are to be considered. Finally, we request that the undersigned be notified of any decision regarding this matter.

Yours truly,



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