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Toronto Preservation Board
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the June 12, 2023 Toronto Preservation Board meeting on item 2023.PB7.1, 38 Walmer Road - Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

As Chair of the Annex Residents' Association, I would like to express our association's support for the heritage designation of Walmer Road Baptist Church located at 38 Walmer Road. The excellent report prepared by Heritage Planning Staff details its importance architecturally, nationally, and as a landmark in our neighbourhood.

The church building has been slowly deteriorating. Official designation would assist meaningful discussion of heritage for the proposed development on this site, guiding the physical restoration of the church and supporting the revival of its role as a spiritual, musical, and social action hub in the Annex. For that reason, we strongly urge the Preservation Board to approve this designation.

Yours sincerely,

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