



Toronto Preservation Board

Re: item PB 12.8 on agenda of December 7 meeting

4 December, 2023

The Cabbagetown Heritage Conservation District Advisory Committee urges the Toronto Preservation Board to endorse designation of the Cabbagetown Southwest area as a heritage conservation district under Part 5 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The draft plan is on the agenda of the December 7 meeting as **PB 12.8**.

This residential district retains an intact heritage character and should be recognized as important to preserve. Designation of the Southwest area will complete bylaw heritage conservation status for the Cabbagetown district, which is recognized as the largest intact community of Victorian homes in Canada.

Four other areas within Cabbagetown have had heritage conservation designation for more than a decade. Designation of this final Cabbagetown heritage district is essential, as the Southwest HCD area is immediately threatened with redevelopment as high-rise projects are proposed on all sides of the district.

Our committee endorses the research of the City's consultants that identified hundreds of buildings in the area dating to the 1800s as contributing to a unique historic character. In fact, the area's streets include some of the oldest homes in Cabbagetown, a number of which were built before Canadian Confederation.

Our committee has worked with Toronto's Heritage Preservation Services in the process of preparing the conservation criteria and have reviewed the draft plan. We urge confirmation of a Cabbagetown Southwest Heritage Conservation District.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Cabbagetown HCD Advisory Committee