

North York Community Preservation Panel

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Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St. West
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RE: PH1.4 Inclusion of Six Properties in Toronto and East York and North York on the Heritage Register - 29 and 31 Linden Street, 33 Maitland Street, 33 Melrose Avenue (including 31 Melrose Avenue), 822 Richmond Street West and 570 Sherbourne Street

Dear Chair Bradford and Councillors:

The North York Community Preservation Panel would like to indicate its strong support for the inclusion of 33 Melrose Avenue (including 31 Melrose Avenue) on the Heritage Register.

Although the present Dewi Sant Welsh United Church dates from 1960, the congregation was founded in 1909 and was originally entirely Welsh speaking. It is a fine example of a church in the Modern style and its manse is a representative example of an early vernacular style residence. According to research by the North Toronto Historical Society, the manse probably dates to the 1880s and was originally a building on the St. Germain estate which extended from Yonge St. to Bathurst St. Alfred St. Germain was a prominent Toronto newspaperman and was involved with one of Toronto's first automobiles in the late 1890s. This property is featured as a site on the North Toronto Historical Society's walking tour – the "Village of Bedford Park Walk".

Thank you for your support in including this property on the Heritage Register.

Yours truly,

Alex Grenzbach

Interim Chair, North York Community Preservation Panel