



April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023



City of Toronto Planning and Housing Committee  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear City of Toronto Planning and Housing Committee Members,

**Re: PH3.11 - 15 Elm Street - Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act**

The Downtown Yonge BIA understands that City Staff and the Toronto Preservation Board are recommending designation of the property at 15 Elm Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. As a community organization in Downtown Yonge, we recognize the importance of preserving buildings and properties which represent the cultural and historic value of this neighbourhood as well as the City of Toronto as a whole.

With that said, we would like to acknowledge that The Fora development team has shown a positive intent to involve the local community in plans for the 15-17 Elm Street development site. Fora development has continued to work collaboratively with the Downtown Yonge BIA over the past few months to ensure that area-specific challenges and areas of improvement are being factored into plans for this site and we believe that the current plan, as it relates to the public realm, reflects a consideration towards the needs of the community and the overall improvement of Elm Street. Proposed plans for the site would provide significant public realm improvements to the immediate area and would contribute to the vibrancy of the Downtown Yonge neighbourhood through an improved pedestrian experience, an increase in safety, and additional green features.

We hope that a solution which respects the heritage significance of the site while also supporting community improvements can be identified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pauline Larsen".

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