

North York Community Preservation Panel

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Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Nancy Martins

RE: PH5.10 123 Wynford Drive - Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act (Ward 16)

Dear Chair Bradford and Members of the Planning and Housing Committee:

The North York Community Preservation Panel expresses its strong support for the designation of the former Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (JCCC) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Designed by the noted Canadian architect Raymond Moriyama, the JCCC was opened in 1963 through the dedicated efforts of Japanese Canadian families and volunteers. It is a landmark which contributes to the collection of well-designed buildings in the Don Mills Crossing area and it was identified as a “significant modernist project” by the former City of North York. Heritage Planning staff have determined that the JCCC (including the landscaping) meets eight of the nine physical and design, historical and associative, and contextual criteria for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

In addition to its status as a significant built heritage resource, the JCCC represents an early expression of Canadian multiculturalism as the Japanese Canadian community sought to preserve its roots and traditions in a Canadian environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex. Grenzebach

Interim Chair, North York Community Preservation Panel