

14 September 2023

**Re: TE7.20 - 402 and 404 Sherbourne Street - Inclusion on the Heritage Register**

Chair and Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council,

I am writing to you to voice support for the inclusion of 402-404 Sherbourne Street, Toronto on the City of Toronto Heritage Register.

On 17 April 2022, I nominated 402-404 Sherbourne Street for heritage status. 402-404 Sherbourne Street is an excellent example of an early Bay-and-Gable semi-detached residence constructed in c. 1874.

To the immediate north of 402-404 Sherbourne Street is an active redevelopment application proposing a 39-storey condominium tower. Area residents have also advised of other land assemblies underway to the immediate west of 402-404 Sherbourne Street on Maribeth Avenue and Homewood Avenue. I encourage a heritage survey of Homewood Avenue to be conducted as soon as possible.<sup>1</sup>

Alongside being an excellent example of an early Bay-and-Gable semi-detached residence, 402-404 Sherbourne Street has a number of important historical associations particularly during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Former residents of note during this period include:

- Sir William Mulock — an influential and important Canadian jurist and politician.
- Alan Cassels — an influential jurist who married into the Allan family. The Allan family were early landowners and donated Allan Gardens to the City of Toronto. The family established the law firm *Cassels*.
- John Lyman — the co-founder and owner of the *Northrop-Lyman Patent Medicine Company*.
- Andrew Somerville — the proprietor of the *Ontario Lead Works*.

I invite you to read more about the history of 402-404 Sherbourne Street: <https://acotoronto.ca/building.php?ID=14437>

I also encourage Heritage Planning to designate 402-404 Sherbourne Street and other heritage listed properties along the Sherbourne Street corridor.

Thank-you,

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that all of the original 19<sup>th</sup> century cottages on Maribeth Avenue have all been lost to demolition in recent years.