



June 25, 2024

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Sylwia Przewdziecki

RE: TE14.16 135 Roxborough Drive - Alterations to a Designated Heritage Property in the North Rosedale Heritage Conservation District

Dear Mayor Olivia Chow and Members of City Council,

This is to state our strong support for the staff report and Toronto Preservation Board (TPB) adopted recommendation to **refuse the alterations** to the property at 135 Roxborough Drive. Unfortunately, and inexplicably, the Toronto and East York Community Council adopted a recommendation to forward the staff report to Council without recommendations.

The proposed alterations do not comply with the Heritage Conservation District Plan for North Rosedale, the HCD that the property is located in, or the Parks Canada Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places, the official document guiding planning and conservation of heritage properties in the City of Toronto, or the Official Plan.

Further our reading of the Legal Services staff report suggests that to approve the alterations in this case could potentially put the City's bylaws in legal jeopardy for willful infractions. **As such, we are persuaded that this is an issue with concerning secondary impacts beyond the immediate local situation.**

We urge City Council to reaffirm the North Rosedale Heritage Conservation District Plan, and refuse the alternations, as recommended by staff, the TPB, and Councillor Saxe, in whose ward the property is located..

Yours truly,

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Co-Chair, FoNTRA

Cathie Macdonald
Co-Chair, FoNTRA

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Federation of South Toronto Residents Assns (FoSTRA)
North Rosedale Residents and Ratepayers Assn.

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