

24 March 2024

Toronto Preservation Board, Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Attention: Chair and Members of the Toronto Preservation Board

Dear Chair and Members of the Toronto Preservation Board,

## Re: Toronto Preservation Board Meeting of March 28, 2024, Agenda Item PB16.15: Update on the City's Implementation of Bill 23

ACO Toronto Board members have attended recent presentations provided by Heritage Planning staff to the general public and to heritage stakeholders regarding the City's proposed implementation of Bill 23. ACO Toronto agrees with and supports those initiatives.

Given the extremely tight time constraints and the large number of listed properties on the City's Heritage Register (an estimated 4,000) we would like to suggest that the City of Toronto requests the Province of Ontario to extend the deadline for designation for five years to January 1, 2030.

At the ACO's (Architectural Conservancy of Ontario) annual Heritage Day at Queen's Park on February 21, 2024, meetings were held with MPPs and one of three items discussed was a request for this 5-year extension. We have been advised by those legislative representatives that this request should be undertaken by municipalities.

Sincerely,

ACO Toronto Board of Directors