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North Rosedale
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Via Email: councilmeeting@toronto.ca

City of Toronto City Clerk's Office,

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Attention: City Clerk Mayor Olivia Chow, Councillor Dianne Saxe and Members of Council

RE: Request for Toronto City Council to Vote YES for Council Meeting Agenda Item: MM28.38 (135 Glen Road)

Removal of Encroachment in the North Rosedale Heritage Conservation District (HCD)

Thank you for taking the time to review this issue and read this letter and we are requesting your action to support Councillor Dianne Saxe's motion MM:28.38 at this week's Council Meeting. Thank you in advance.

The North Rosedale Residents' Association – Heritage Committee wishes to register its support for Councillor Saxe's motion MM28.38 - 135 Glen Road, Removal of Encroachments.

We understand that on March 26, 27 or 28, City Council will be debating the Motion MM28.38 for 135 Glen Road removal of encroachment in the North Rosedale Heritage Conservation District (HDC). The Motion directs the General Manager of Transportation Services to require the owner to remove the large wall and other encroachments built on city property on the grounds that the encroachments were constructed contrary to the Ontario Heritage Act and has resulted in a pedestrian, cyclist and traffic safety situation that serves to completely negate the promised safety and heritage character of the City's 2020 Vision Zero alterations to the corner where this property is located. In fact, the encroachment has expropriated for a single owner's benefit significant public lands that were explicitly promised to the neighbourhood to be open, green garden-like settings in exchange for support for the narrowing of the surrounding roads under Vision Zero.

These property owners have operated in a free-wheeling style with complete disregard for the neighbourhood and the heritage protected status every other area property owner has had to accommodate in their renovations or desire to modify their property. The property owners have done no work to consult with the neighbours immediately impacted by this construction. They have ignored all attempts by the neighbours, Inspectors, Residents' Association, Heritage Planning Services and Councillor Saxe herself, to assist the owner in understanding the requirements of altering a Heritage property in a Heritage District. All attempts have failed and resulted in continued construction of the wall structure with no application for required Heritage permits, nor any amendments or re-direction of the construction back towards the original encroachment terms (ie: minimum of 1.0m clearance from existing utility poles and signs, height, placement and ensuring unobstructed driver and pedestrian traffic sight lines).

This winter has served to demonstrate why the removal of the encroachment is important. With the levels of snowfall we received this year, snow clearance was completely hindered by the placement of the encroachment / wall making it virtually impossible for City workers to clear the 200ft of sidewalks of snow and ice resulting in impassible sidewalks for pedestrians trying to access the busy high traffic area of Rosedale United Church/Community Centre, located immediately next door to this property.

The encroachment has served the interests of a single property owner at the expense of our entire neighbourhood. Our residents invested in a Heritage Conversation District with the legitimate expectation that the City and its Councillors would support their Heritage Plan. The Heritage Plans that were adopted by City By-law. The City has a duty to protect its residents by enforcing its by-laws. It's a duty that residents of this City rely upon.

While the City has the clearly stated right to order the removal of the encroachment, we note that, in addition to all of the reasons above justifying such an order, the owners have blatantly disregarded and violated the terms of the committee approval underlying the encroachment, the construction permit and the Encroachment Agreement.

We would appreciate your support in this matter by approving Councillor Dianne Saxe's Motion MM28.38 / application.

Respectfully,

North Rosedale Residents' Association – Heritage Committee

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