

June 29, 2025

Toronto Preservation Board
c/o City Clerks Office
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: PB33.3 - 123 Garratt Boulevard-Inclusion on the Heritage Register

Dear Madame Chair and members:

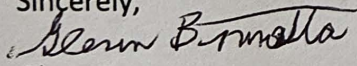
I am writing on behalf of the North York Historical Society to strongly support the staff recommendation of the inclusion of the buildings at 123 Garratt Boulevard on the City's Heritage Register.

The North York Historical Society was formed in 1960 by a group of local residents concerned that the built heritage in North York was rapidly being lost to developers. Today the Society is an active group of community members passionate about preserving and promoting North York history.

Downsview has a long and admirable military and aviation history. It included use by the RCAF (Royal Canadian Air Force), Department of National Defense and DeHavilland manufacturing. It also had an important aviation medical research facility called the Defence and Civil Institute of Environmental Medicine. DCIEM was founded in 1939 by Nobel Prize winner Sir Frederick Banting and moved to CFB Downsview in north Toronto in the mid-1950s.

It is a very valuable and important part of heritage preservation and we wholeheartedly support its addition to the City's Heritage Register.

Sincerely,



Glenn Bonnetta

President

North York Historical Society