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Planning and Housing Committee  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario

To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Item: PH18.16 - 3100 Weston Road - Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act**

I am writing today on behalf of the Ontario Historical Society (OHS) in support of the designation of 3100 Weston Road—the Rivermede House and the Marian Shrine (the former swimming pool)—under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The OHS, founded in 1888, is a not-for-profit corporation and registered charity. The Society is a non-government group bringing together people of all ages, all walks of life, and all cultural backgrounds interested in preserving and promoting some aspect of Ontario's history, both built and natural heritage.

The address, 3100 Weston Road, is in an area of the City of Toronto that has few recognized built structures of heritage value, except for Rivermede. The Gardiner and Crang Families, who made Rivermede their home, contributed a great deal to Toronto, Ontario, and Canada as a whole in the fields of medicine, culture, arts and sports. The architect of the house, Mr. Jocelyn Davidson, was very active in building the architectural landscapes of Toronto and Vancouver from the 1920s to 1960s.

The Ontario Historical Society feels that because of its historical value to the City of Toronto, 3100 Weston Road should be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at tel: 416.226.9011 or email: [ddishaw@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:ddishaw@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca).

Yours sincerely,

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