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Letter to the Toronto Heritage Board

Re: Item 39.5 January 19 meeting

On behalf of the Cabbagetown Heritage Conservation District Advisory Committee, I am stating my objection to the proposed 48-storey residence that would replace all but the facade of St. Luke's Church at 353 Sherbourne Street--essentially a demolition of the historic building. The church is protected from demolition under the Cabbagetown Northwest HCD bylaw.

Along with many residents of Cabbagetown, we wrote letters of objection to Toronto and East York Community Council, Councillor Chris Moise, and Mayor Olivia Chow before the proposal was approved at a meeting on Jan. 13, 2026.

In the discussion, the Councillor acknowledged that the proposal has not been reviewed or approved by Toronto Heritage Planning prior to TEYCC approving the plan.

Our committee believes the proposal is unacceptable because it in essence demolishes all but portions of two outer walls of this significant church which has been a community landmark for more than a century and fills the already constrained site with an incompatible and jarring modern spike building that, at 48 storeys, far surpasses in height anything in the vicinity.

I trust that this oversight will be reviewed by the board at its January 19, 2026 meeting and that Toronto Heritage Planning Board will not only oppose the project as proposed but require a thorough review.

Thank you,

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