



March 11, 2026

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

**Re: PB41.4 - Bloor - Yorkville Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment - Final Report**

**To Members of the Toronto Preservation Board,**

This letter is submitted jointly by the ABC Residents Association (ABCRA), the Greater Yorkville Residents Association (GYRA), and the Bloor East Neighbourhood Association (BENA). Collectively, our catchment areas encompass the neighbourhoods directly affected by The Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment (CHRA) study and our combined membership reflects a broad and engaged community voice, we are pleased to present our shared opinion on the staff report and recommendations before the Board.

**Firstly, we want to thank Gary Miedema and his Preservation Board team responsible for guiding the Bloor-Yorkville Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment (CHRA) through to its conclusion**

The recommendations before the committee today represent the culmination of a process that began in 2021, as part of the Bloor Yorkville North Midtown Secondary Plan Development. The Bloor-Yorkville Secondary Plan has faced significant delays, and nearly five years have passed since the CHRA began so we are pleased to see this report finally being considered by the Preservation Board.

We sincerely thank the CHRA team for their careful work in identifying the 88 heritage properties and recommending their listing to require Cultural Heritage Evaluation (CHER) and recommending the Yorkville Village core for study as a Heritage Conservation District under section 40 (1) of Ontario Heritage act

## **We Support the Staff Recommendations**

It is satisfying that, after a long-awaited process, their significance to our communities and to the city's heritage is now formally acknowledged.

### **Expedite Protection**

While we support the staff recommendations, we must empathize that the area now faces imminent risk due to the Ministry of Housing's directives governing development within the Major (MTSA) and Protected Major (PMTSA) Transit Station Areas. Delays in both City-led Secondary Plan and the CHRA have materially increased the vulnerability of heritage resources within the Secondary Plan area. This risk is most acute in the Yorkville Village Core. The CHRA has already confirmed the area's heritage value and recommended initiating a Heritage Conservation District (HCD) study. Given ongoing development pressures and the economic significance of the Yorkville Village core to the City of Toronto it is essential to expedite the designation process. With only approximately 28 properties, within the Yorkville Village core proposed Heritage Conservation District this is a highly manageable candidate for a fast-tracked protective process.

**We respectfully request that you approve the staff recommendations and also recommend they be considered for priority implementation.**

Given the compact scale of the Yorkville Village core, its cultural, historical and economic significance to the City of Toronto, and clear development pressures associated with MTSA implementation, the immediate initiation of the HCD study is both reasonable and necessary.

Sincerely,

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