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Members of the Toronto Preservation Board,

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Re: PB45.2 – 4150 Yonge Street - Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act (Ward 8)

Dear Chair and Members of the Toronto Preservation Board,

I write to you on behalf of the North York Community Preservation Panel (NYCPP), voicing our support for the designating of the 2 worker cottages at 4150 Yonge Street.

The 1860-built homes, known as the John Street workers cottages, were constructed by noted Hoggs Hollow carpenter Robert Gray. Originally a collection of 3 worker homes, these 2 are all that remain; they were moved to the present location in the '80s and have served as a restaurant for more than 3 decades.

Built in the Ontario Cottage style, they are replete with cedar shingle roofs and stucco exteriors. They are physical reminders that Yonge Street north of Wilson Road/Yorks Mills Road was once rural.

These cottages, along with the St. John's Anglican Church (circa 1843) to the east and the 1833-built Gothic Revival home (known as the C.W. Jeffreys house) to the east and south of 4150 Yonge Street form a significant heritage cluster and so are an integral part of the community.

The cottages are strong reminders of the craftsmanship of Robert Gray as well as of the mid-19th century small town Ontario architectural vernacular. They housed some of the original workers who toiled away at the important mills that were located along the waterways of Hoggs Hollow. For these reasons and more the panel support their designation on the register.

Sincerely,

Mitch Bubulj

