



**MORE NEIGHBOURS  
TORONTO**

Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

**PH28.11 - 53 Strachan Avenue - Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act**

***About More Neighbours Toronto***

[More Neighbours Toronto](#) is a volunteer-led organization of housing advocates that believe in building more multi-family homes of all kinds for those who dream of building their lives in Toronto. We advocate for reforms to increase our city's ability to build more homes in every neighbourhood. We are a big-tent organization with members across the political spectrum who are committed to counterbalancing the anti-housing agenda that has dominated Toronto's politics, created an affordability crisis, and cost burdened a new generation of aspiring residents. We are firmly committed to the principle that housing is a human right and believe Toronto should be inclusive and welcoming to all.

***Position***

More Neighbours Toronto **does not support** the intention to designate 53 Strachan under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

This would be an absurd additional restriction for the Planning and Housing Committee to place on a property owned by the City of Toronto that the City is currently trying to redevelop to provide new affordable purpose-built rental homes.

Why would the Planning and Housing Committee want to add the risk of additional cost and time to a City of Toronto project in the event that it requires approval to alter to a heritage designated building? Does it even make conceptual sense for the City of Toronto to add a regulation to tell itself to protect heritage features of its own building?

The City of Toronto should be striving to provide affordable housing as quickly as possible. This item is completely contrary to those goals and should not be adopted.

Regards,  
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More Neighbours Toronto