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Subject: [External Sender] Request to Designate an Individual Property under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act - 431 College Street, Sneaky Dee"s
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To Chair and Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council, Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Mayor Chow, area MPP, and City Clerk;

I am writing to formally request that the building occupying the land at 431 College Street, Toronto, ON M5T 1T1, be designated as a Heritage Property under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the revised development application TE33.3, the Official Plan and Bylaw Amendment Application for 419-431 College Street, which proposes the demolition of Sneaky Dee's and adjacent properties to construct a 16-storey mixed-use condo building. I have already sent previous emails to this effect, however, I am now adding the above request.

I am invoking "2.3.1. Protection for a threatened property", where I am notifying you that I am requesting a designation, and requesting that this is discussed at a council meeting., as per <https://www.ontario.ca/document/designating-heritage-properties/2-designation-process#section-2>

I am requesting this designation for the following reasons:

As per <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/060009>:

1. (2)
4. The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.
5. The property has historical value or associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.

To each item, here is my reasoning:

4. Historical or Associative Value - Direct Associations with:

EVENT:

Sneaky Dee's was the city of a Prominent Anti-Nazi rally.

-Mentioned briefly in its wikipedia article here:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sneaky_Deer%27s

-Recounted by community member on Instagram quite recently here:

<https://www.instagram.com/reels/DY2ZegpxdMY/>

As per user: @satori3000

"I don't recall the exact date, but Sneaky Dee's somewhat a historical site in that it played a major role in the end of the skin head movement in Toronto. I'm talking about the riot outside the doors as the racist skinheads and SHARP skinheads and ARA (Anti Racist Association

clashed. The police showed up in full riot gear and ended it, but after that the racists were kind of drummed or of Toronto along with Wolfgang Droege the Holocaust denier. It's not well remembered but I'll bet the owners remember it. I lived half a block from there at the time, think it was 91 or 92. In this age of radical right on the rise, those was the last time this came up and they were sent packing right outside Dee's. That night kicked off inside Dee's."

"It was a crazy few days in the area. The ARA threw a bike through Droege's window followed by bags of excrement and then the SHARPS joined in, just mayhem."

-And finally also mentioned by Councillor Bravo on the date of Meeting 33 - Thursday May 28, 2026, viewable in the below:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/ka8O2VGB5S8?si=WD4UUCXvzYIBoI0S&t=9583>

"...I have more stories and more relationships and more work done there than I can recall like you know including fighting for that corner when white nationalist Nazi Skinheads were trying to take it we were all there holding our ground."

5. Historical or Associative Value - Yields Information that Contributes to Understanding of a COMMUNITY or CULTURE.

Sneaky Dee's is the home of a prominent community of Toronto and GTA "punks" and "emos".

-As seen by the large backlash against the Proposed Development, largely brought to community attention via information from the Instagram account of Emo Night North:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DYxiL4EGWx2/>

Garnering over 12,000 likes, 510 comments, and 2,400 reposts since being posted on Monday May 25, 2026, the large community collective action which resulted in a total of 317 individual emails sent to the Toronto and East York Community Council; 312 sent on or after the date of that Instagram post, and one which included a petition "containing the names of approximately 102 persons".

-Further cultural significance was described in my statement to city council:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/ka8O2VGB5S8?si=QtvZsBPo2i6QWhFa&t=7514>

"I want to direct your attention to the most significant development since the [Heritage Impact Assessment Document] documents - Emo Night North. Since at least 2021, Emo Night North has been hosted at Sneaky Dee's every single Friday. These events resumed post-Covid [lockdown] around March 4th [2022], which means that there's at least 221 individual Emo Nights that have been happening at Sneaky Dee's since it restarted. Though other similar events have begun across North America and travel to Toronto, they haven't been able to gain a foothold because of the monumental community of which many are logged in online and many are behind me."

As per this page on the Ontario Government's website, "2. The designation process",

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/designating-heritage-properties/2-designation-process#section-2>

I believe Sneaky Dee's can qualify through 2.3.3.7. Protecting a property of heritage value;

"Sometimes, it is only when change is imminent that a community recognizes a property's cultural heritage value. Municipal councils can use the notice of intention to designate as a way of avoiding the demolition or alteration of a property that may be worthy of designation. This gives council an opportunity to consider the potential cultural heritage value of the

property, and alternatives to alteration or demolition, before irreversible change takes place.”

I think this is a way around the concerns raised at Meeting 33 regarding an outright rejection of the Proposed Development Application.

I would also like to cite the Kensington Market Heritage Conservation District. Sneaky Dee’s fell within the original Study Area, but was excluded from the final cite, as it falls along a major roadway and not within the Kensington Market “interior”. However, I have discovered that after the adoption of the Kensington Market HCD on February 5, it was appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal, as per the below:

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2026/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-285085.pdf>

“The Kensington Market HCD was subsequently appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (the "OLT" or "Tribunal"). The OLT has scheduled a 5-day hearing of the appeals of the Kensington Market HCD beginning June 1, 2026.”

This should be monitored as the confidential information within the appeal could either be to the benefit of Sneaky Dee’s or the detriment to the entire Heritage Conservation District.

Regarding 2.2. Step 2: Researching and evaluating the property; that work has actually already been done by the applicant in the document: “Heritage Impact Statement” 2020-09-04, 38.84MB, prepared August 14, 2020. While research would have to be re-done to identify item 5 with specific regard to the Emo Night North community, and the anti-Nazi rally is notably not identified within this document, the other items that could qualify it for Heritage Documentation are listed within this document as well. **It might also do well to investigate why the Applicant chose not to list the prominent anti-Nazi rally in the document, obfuscating critical and historically relevant information from the Council.**

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and feedback, including specific attention to this item and confirmation that it would be brought before the appropriate governing bodies for this potential designation.

Thank you for your time;

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