



July 6, 2026

Councillor Chris Moise, Chair
Toronto and East York Community Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON

Re: TE34.72 - Authorization to Study the Yorkville Village Core as a Potential Heritage Conservation District

Dear Chair Moise and Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council,

This letter is submitted jointly on behalf of the ABC Residents Association (ABCRA), the Greater Yorkville Residents Association (GYRA), and the Bloor East Neighbourhood Association (BENA).

We are writing to express our strong support for the staff recommendations contained in Item TE34.72 respecting the authorization of a Heritage Conservation District Study for the Yorkville Village Core.

The recommendation before Community Council represents the next step following completion of the Bloor-Yorkville Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment and the community consultation undertaken at the direction of City Council. The staff report concludes that the proposed study area merits authorization for study based on its distinctive historic, cultural, architectural, and village character.

The Yorkville Village Core occupies a unique place at the heart of Toronto. From its origins as the nineteenth-century Village of Yorkville to its evolution into one of Canada's most recognized destinations for music, culture, commerce, and tourism, it has helped shape the identity of the city for generations. The recommendation before Community Council represents the culmination of years of research, public consultation, and community advocacy toward recognizing and protecting that legacy.

The public consultation also demonstrated strong community support for moving this work forward. As noted in the staff report, feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with most participants expressing support for undertaking the Heritage Conservation District Study.

We respectfully encourage Toronto and East York Community Council to endorse the staff recommendations and recommend that City Council authorize the Heritage Conservation District Study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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