

March 18, 2022

TO: Members of the Toronto Preservation Board

RE: Alterations to a Heritage Property Designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act - 67 Adelaide Street East

AGENDA ITEM: PB 32.3

RECOMMENDATION: The Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning recommends that:

1. City Council approve the exterior alterations to the heritage property at 67 Adelaide Street East, in accordance with Section 42 of the Ontario Heritage Act, to allow for the conversion of the existing building into a Municipal Shelter ...

Dear Members of the Toronto Preservation Board,

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA) is a not-for-profit community organization incorporated in 1983, which represents the interests of 30,000+ people who live in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood.

SLNA fully supports the repurposing of the subject building into a native men's residence, and welcomes the operator, Na-Me-Res to the neighbourhood.

Further, SLNA acknowledges that as an indigenous-focused facility, it is important to address the impact of the colonial look of the building on the mental, emotional, physical and spiritual comfort of the community members who will reside and work and visit there. The challenge in so doing, particularly for buildings in a Heritage Conservation District (such as 67 Adelaide), is to recognize and accommodate both first peoples' and post-colonial heritage concepts.

In this regard, the SLNA Board is disappointed that the design of the exterior alterations that have been recommended has proceeded to this point without either the property owner (City of Toronto) or the operator (Na-Me-Res) reaching out to the Association for input, either directly or (more typically) through its Development Committee, which has a well-earned reputation for collaborating to improve development outcomes. This is an approach which City Planning itself recommends, and it is unfortunate that this has not been part of the process to date.

Sincerely,



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Board of Directors
St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association



Suzanne Kavanagh
Chair, Development Committee



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