

Background

TBETHS directors have written letters to major mayoralty candidates (Chris Alexander, Brad Bradford, Olivia Chow) and all of the candidates with email addresses seeking election as councillor for Ward 19 Beaches – East York. In our letters, we reviewed local heritage issues, called on candidates to make heritage a priority and specifically invited each of them to share their thoughts on five key areas of concern:

- Your vision for protecting the heritage character of Beaches–East York;
- How you would advocate for stronger heritage protection at City Hall;
- Lessons learned from the recent Main Street and Gerrard Street heritage listings and removals and other recent loss of heritage in the Ward;
- How local residents and community s can play a greater role in heritage planning;
- Your priorities for ensuring future redevelopment respects the unique history and character of our community.