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ATTN: Alissa Golden, MCIP, RPP  
Cultural Heritage Planning Lead  
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71 Main St W, Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

**RE: Recommendation to Designate 84 York Boulevard, Hamilton**

Ms. Golden,

This letter is submitted in response to the City of Hamilton Staff Report '*Recommendation to Designate 84 York Boulevard, Hamilton (Philpott Memorial Church), under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED24007)*'. It is our understanding that the full designation of the property is being recommended at an upcoming Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee meeting on January 26, 2026.

As noted in our previous letter, dated December 19, 2023, we provided our support for the redevelopment of the Philpott Memorial Church. We also noted that the congregation expresses no concerns with the redevelopment of the property and is happy to see the site evolve and continue to serve Downtown Hamilton. HC EC 89 Park LP (Empire Communities and Hamilton Coliseum Place) is the purchaser of the property. HC EC 89 Park LP has kept the church informed as they develop their redevelopment plans by sharing draft reports including the *Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment* and architectural plans. The developer and church staff have also worked collaboratively to execute the testing program from earlier this year.

We have reviewed the *Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment* prepared for the redevelopment of 84 York Boulevard, including Section 9.2 Commemoration and Interpretation. We support the proposal "to acknowledge the history of the property and the contribution that Peter Philpott and his Christian Workers Church had on the Community" through a display and commemoration program. In addition to supporting this proposal, our new home and ongoing presence in the community will continue to acknowledge the contributions of Peter Philpott.

Ultimately, we wanted to take this opportunity to confirm that our congregation supports HC EC 89 Park LP and their proposal to 'Negotiate a Heritage Easement Agreement in Lieu of Designation' as provided for in the City of Hamilton Staff Report. We agree with the plan to retain and reintegrate certain key

heritage attributes into the new development. We understand this would be done in such a way that the history and memory of Peter Philpott, and the church he created, will live on in a new interpretation on site. We believe this approach, including the use of a heritage easement to secure the temporary removal of attributes from the site, respects the long history of our congregation and our presence at the corner of York Boulevard and Park Street North. We look forward to seeing what the future holds as the site is redeveloped and some or all of the attributes are reinstated onsite.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Brown  
Board Chair, Philpott Church

CC: Emily Bent, City of Hamilton