



## **Bike Share Relocation Rationale**

### **ADJACENT TO LISTED HERITAGE PROPERTIES**

Installed adjacent to 3 notable sites that are Listed in the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties:

- 200 Winchester Street - Toronto Necropolis Chapel,
- 191 Winchester Street - Napier Simpson House (Replica of Francey Farmhouse)
- 201 Winchester Street - Donnybrook Pavilion

Due to their very longstanding intrinsic value and connection to the HCD and the significant heritage asset which each represents on its own, it is important that the streetscape surrounding these heritage sites is managed in a manner to preserve the character and overall setting. There is a rhythm or pattern that adds consistency to the heritage streetscape, and currently this large scale unit visually interrupts that rhythm.

### **ABOUT LISTED PROPERTIES**

These buildings, structures and sites are considered important for a variety of reasons. They hold architectural value and relate to significant people and important events in the history of Cabbagetown. They represent the characteristics of the community and are symbols of our city. These are valuable legacies of the past and deserve to be protected and preserved. Collectively they form a streetscape together that is unique in character and also worthy of preservation. This is a critical part of the intention of the Cabbagetown HCD Plan.

### **CABBAGETOWN NORTH HCD PLAN**

The park, the necropolis and Riverdale Farm are captured within the boundaries of the this Cabbagetown North HCD. Within the adopted document the heritage character statement and district plan includes “landscapes” in its mandate; section 3.2.3 “encourages public streetscape and landscape improvements that enhance the overall heritage character of the district”; section 9.0 is specifically about the “park component” of the district; section 9.2 talks about the “conservation intent” when changes are considered; 9.3 says “it is also important that any new development and public works project be encouraged not to detract from the heritage attributes of the parks, but to contribute and enhance them”....and it continues in more detail.

### **OUR MANDATE**

The mandate of our committee is to ensure the HCD plans in Cabbagetown are being followed - we would not be fulfilling our role if we did not address this unit's placement and the inconsistency with the HCD plan's guidelines. We have an obligation to the city to manage these plans as the official advisory committee to the city's Heritage Preservation Services department. The Bike Share Unit is not appropriate at that current site and does not adhere to the HCD plan and municipal by-law passed under Part 5 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The city is obligated to follow their own bylaws - so this becomes an issue of setting a bad precedent.

### **NEW LOCATION**

We respect that the Bike Share Unit is important and should remain by the park, it just needs to be moved away from the 3 Heritage Listed Properties to a siting where there is no Heritage Listed Properties of prominence. We have since discussed the matter in great detail with Kelly Sather, Constituency Assistant to Councillor Pam McConnell, who has been taking a serious look at this issue, as our concerns were deemed to warrant further assessment. Our suggested location at Sumach St & Carlton St was found to be not compatible due to the proximity of the trees on the boulevard and the need for a minimum of 7 hours of sunlight to operate the unit, so they will continue to review options.