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TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Board of Directors and members of the Bishop Hellmuth Community Association object to the decision of the Planning & Environment Committee in regards to the Rexall development at Waterloo and Oxford Streets.

While we acknowledge that some concessions have been made to recognize the Heritage aspects of this district in the design, the continued refusal to place the doorway at the southwest corner is inexplicable. The walkability quotient of the Bishop Hellmuth neighbourhood has been ranked at 70 to 89% and that is without considering the immense foot traffic directly to the west at Richmond and Oxford Streets.

It was made clear at the P&E meeting that all the architectural accommodations are in place to allow a door at the SW corner in the future, but not with the present tenant. That is unacceptable. The future is now.

We ask that the City Council overturn the decision of the P&E Committee and request that the doorway be placed at the SW corner where it belongs for people, not just cars.

Bishop Hellmuth Community Association Board of Directors,  
representing The Bishop Hellmuth Community Association.