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Good morning,

On behalf of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario London Region Branch, I am writing to express excitement and support for **Initiative 9 of the Business Case #P-42** which recommends the following action:

Provide a new grant program to incentivise the conservation of heritage properties.

London is a beautiful City with a rich base of stunning heritage buildings - in both private and public hands. These buildings have often become the foundation for some of our most innovative places (100 Kellogg Lane is a recent, standout example), showcasing the way that historic buildings are not simply museums of nostalgia, but vibrant places, alive and changing with the needs of our growing City.

Our historic neighbourhoods have been nominated for - and won - awards for being the best in Canada in planning competitions and popular voting contests. The reason is that while they are undeniably beautiful and historically important to London, they are also wonderful, exciting places to live.

This grant initiative will assist the citizens of London in their efforts to contribute to the unique sense of place that our heritage homes and businesses create here.

Thank you for adding this initiative to the discussion, and we at the ACO London Region Branch stand in strong support of it.

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