

City of London Clerks Office – Please consider the E – Mail below as “ Added Agenda “ to be distributed to the full membership of the Community Advisory ( Heritage ) Committee members and Chair well prior to their upcoming Meeting June 5<sup>th</sup> as both input and guidance with respect to your posted agenda Item # 5.2 – a very simple Heritage PertimateA plication for 332 St James St . Please consider this my 100 % approval to post to public record with no further contact to me as submitter .

Community Advisory Committee Chair & Members ( who remain totally unknown on the City of London website and that should be changed really fast ) . Pease accept this E – Mail as both positive feedback & input with respect to Item 5.2 on the Agenda – Mr Greg Keane ( Owner 332 St James ) Vs Kyle Gonyon & K. Mitchner ( Heritage Associates & Leads in Bishop Hellmuth District ) .

- As both an owner and a resident of the “ Bishop Hellmuth Heritage Area “ , I know Mr. Greg Keane , trust his direction to you & this initiative on the simple replacement of his porch railings and his previous leadership on the purchase of this property in converting his front porch from a simple close-line step up to full wide historical façade character to better match compliance in this / our neighbourhood . Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES has Greg asked my support on this file.
- AS a 72 year old senior at 863 Waterloo St , I have just reached the 50 % complete milestone of my Bi to Tri – Annually ( **Yes YOU GOT IT every darn 2 to 3 years** ) re-sanding / refurbishing / re-structing and painting of my “ historic “ porch railings to maintain both structural and historic compliance with **unless** best of class latex ( vs old oil based approved paint ) and over a 100 hours of my time . I’m fighting carpenter ants / burrowing hornets ( new in London ) and numerous other climate change insects from the deep US south.
- About 4 – 5 years ago , I was “ DIRECTED “ to replace 2 of 3 porch support columns on my historic porch with “ WOOD “only . This cost almost \$5, 000 to turn / replicate / install vs about \$1500 with paint-able PVC composite offerings to the **exact replacement** detail from North Pole Trim – London. The long term cost of what I was directed to do is about x 10 PVC alternatives when maintenance is considered and offers **ZERO** value added with respect to historical ambiance or historic neighbourhood balance.

### **Strong RECO – NOW Committee ;**

1. Support & approve Mr Greg Keane’s 1 page drawing and solution on the porch railings and trust both his leadership & initiative here to achieve the compliance required.

People when you boil this down ; this is all about fit / form / structural safety from a building inspector viewpoint & the historical balance.

2. I ask this Committee to extend a **motion now** to ask the Heritage Management DEPT and Mr Kyle Gonyon to re-review and advise this committee on extending approvals of “ composite materials “ as a viable substitute for wood only on exterior “ façade “ applications . This will offer the following 3 positive outcomes ;

>> A huge increase in support from designated historic neighbourhood property owners to comply with historic standards & balance.

>> A huge reduction in the current “ weekend reno “ projects completed everywhere in our neighbourhood with little to no compliance . People just don't have the \$\$ to comply with your value set . COACH and SELL , Don't tell & yell !

>> An improved partnership with both our neighbourhood and others going forward . Welcome to our lawn coming soon ???

THXS – Chris Butler – 863 Waterloo St