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Subject: [EXTERNAL] "A Community's Legacy at Risk: The Case Against Demolishing the Bank of Montreal"

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Dear Mr. Konner Mitchener, M.Arch, Intern CAHP

We are writing to express our strong objection to the planned demolition of the Bank of Montreal building in 1163 Richmond street ,London Ontario , currently home to Western's Child and Youth Development Clinic. As a resident of this community for over 30 years and a longtime user of this bank, I am deeply concerned about the loss of a structure that holds significant historical and cultural value.

The Bank of Montreal building has been a part of our neighborhood for nearly 50 years, serving as a landmark in Broughdale. Its architecture and long-standing presence contribute to the unique identity of our community.

The proposed demolition of this building not only threatens to erase an important piece of our local history but also disrupts the essential services currently provided by the clinic. This building is more than just a physical structure; it is a symbol of continuity, blending our past with the needs of the present. Its preservation is vital for maintaining the character and heritage of Broughdale.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this decision. Preserving the Bank of Montreal building will ensure that it continues to serve our community while honoring the history that it represents

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I hope that you will take into account the historical significance and current utility of this building as you make your final decision.

Sincerely,
Khadry and kathy Galil, Ph.D.