

March 24, 2026

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Proposed Construction, 929 Cheapside Street

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed construction on 929 Cheapside.

While I agree, the property needs to be developed, I have several concerns regarding the current proposal.

1 The parking spaces allocated to the number of units is lacking. I fear that the overflow of cars will crowd the surrounding streets, and Church located across the street. The cars will impede snow removal, and garbage collections. The service vehicles will not be able to safely maneuver down the street. Also garbage collection will be missed as there are cars surrounding bins. I have witnessed this in the past. Additional cars parked on the street will also make it very difficult to back out of our driveways.

2. All homes in the Carling Heights neighborhood are three stories or less. That is the current zoning for this neighborhood. Why is it being changed to accommodate a six story building that will allow a developer greater revenue. This really confuses me as a resident and tax payer in this neighborhood. I am feeling a little bullied by city council.

3. London is the Forest City. Every inch of this large building on this tiny lot does not make sense. Where are the trees? Planters are nice but seriously where are the trees? Also where is the rain and snow draining too? I fear surrounding properties may now experience basement flooding, and street flooding. Just because an environmental assessment is not required, does mean one shouldn't be done.

4. Cheapside and surrounding streets are two lane streets. Cheapside is very busy at times making left turns challenging on occasion. There will be additional traffic making it more challenging. With cars and delivery vehicles potentially parked on Cheapside this will become dangerous.

5 Current zoning is R1-5, 1 story low density buildings. The current neighborhood is made up of single family bungalows, duplexes, and the 3 story walkups on Boulee street surrounded by a large green space and mature trees. How does this building fit in to this neighborhood? This building will tower over the four one story bungalows intruding on their privacy and impeding their right to enjoy their property. When they invested in their homes, they certainly did not expect their investment to depreciate. Very nasty behaviour on behalf of the city.

I am appalled that city councillors would consider changing bylaws to allow a developer to bully the very citizens they represent in building such a monstrosity.

Respectfully,

John and Kelly Fraleigh

I hereby give permission for this letter to be included in the agenda and minutes of the March 31, 2026 City Council meeting