

April 3, 2014

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Dear Barb:

Re: Staff Report to Planning and Environment Committee – 1836 Richmond Street

On page 27 of the Report, in dealing with the heritage issue, the statement is made that “the University has indicated that it agrees that designation is appropriate.” I am not sure where that statement comes from. While there were a number of discussions around the heritage issue during our various meetings, the University has not, to this point, taken any formal position as to the appropriateness of a heritage designation on the Gibbons property.

I would like to clarify the University's position. The University is a proud steward of its property and has always respected the historical and architectural significance of its buildings when maintaining and updating those buildings. It will continue to do so. However, the University has made it clear that it does not believe that the issue of heritage designation is an appropriate part of this rezoning process and is properly left to be dealt with at the time of a development application.

The University accepts the recommendation in the Report regarding the preparation of a statement of cultural heritage value and interest and is prepared to participate in that process. However, the University will not take any position on the appropriateness of a heritage designation for its property until it has seen the scope of the proposed designation and all of the information upon which it is based.

Sincerely,



Stephen Jarrett
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